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ELECTION 2004

## Utility users tax wins handily

Voters return one incumbent, add two newcomers to the El Cerrito City Council

By Alan Lopez  
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well as the candidates. The committee against Measure K, El Cerritos for Tax Justice raised less than \$4,000.

Sixty-five percent of voters opted to continue to the tax while 34 percent voted against it.

Backers of the measure said without the utility users tax, the city would be forced to make cuts to essential city services, including police and fire.

Resident Brit Johnson, a member of a committee opposing the tax, pointed out that the city was under no obligation to spend that tax money on police and fire but otherwise had a "life-goes-on" approach to the loss.

"Money is sort of an indicator of things," said Johnson, husband of Councilwoman Gina Brusatori. "We did a lot of walking and people felt they were voting for police and fire."

Brad Castel, treasurer for the pro-Measure K committee, campaign consultant Kevin Reikes

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Supervisor John Gioia talks with resident Jim Carman during an Oct. 30 town hall meeting at the Kensington Community Center.

## Permit requirement for fund-raisers proposed by Gioia

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia is sponsoring a county ordinance that would create a new permit for fund-raising concerts held at the home of resident Danny Scher, it was revealed at a recent town hall meeting.

The two-hour meeting, sponsored annually by the Kensington Community Council, and attended by more than 100 people, touched on a range of subjects, from state taxes to local car theft statistics.

But many of the comments involved fund-raising concerts held at Scher's Coventry Road home. Residents have complained and the county has twice levied fines on Scher totaling \$300 for holding the concerts that draw big-name musicians and use professional sound equipment.

Gioia said he drafted an ordinance creating an "administrative event permit" required for fund-raising events on residential lots countywide.

"It's about trying to draw a

line between a reasonable use of one's home and a use which is not typical of a residence and has impacts on neighbors," said Gioia, following the meeting.

An event permit, according to the draft ordinance, would be required for "organized assemblages" depending on how many people are invited in relation to the size of the residential lot.

A permit would be required for 50 or more invited people on a lot under 40,000 square feet, 75 or more on a lot between 40,000 square feet and five acres; and 150 or more on a lot larger than five acres. Gioia said it would likely be months before the board would consider the new ordinance.

On Dec. 14, however, Gioia said the board is scheduled to consider a county general plan amendment addressing the impacts of home additions in Kensington on lots under 6,000 square feet.

In the works for more than four years, the ordinance would

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JOANNA JHANA/STAFF

ALBANY COUNCILWOMAN Jewel Okawachi looks at election results with supporter Lubov Mazur at Okawachi's home on election night.

## Okawachi takes on another term

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

A list of high-profile endorsements and more than \$10,000 in contributions, including loans to his own campaign, were unable to get 46-year-old IBM marketing manager Brian Parker elected to the Albany City Council on Tuesday.

Instead, voters reelected Jewel Okawachi for a second term,

along with newcomers Farid Javandel and Parker ally Robert Lieber.

The unusually competitive council race overshadowed other Albany races, comprised of a \$13 million school bond measure and an increase in the paramedic tax, both passing by wide margins, and the Albany School Board election, where three candidates ran for two open seats.

Two opposing camps emerged during the council campaign, with Okawachi and Alan Riffer on one side running on their experience and Parker and Lieber running on waterfront issues.

With a Sierra Club endorsement and a position on the traffic and safety commission, some speculated that Javandel, a 34-year-old civil engineer, became every voters' third choice for the

three open seats.

Javandel, who spent less than \$1,000 on his campaign, said he was helped by name recognition from his previous election run in 2002.

He believed the city needed little change but wanted a vision for the waterfront.

"It's important to have an idea

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## School board winners name differing priorities

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Brown and Karen Pfeifer said when they begin their school board terms in December, they will demand the West Contra Costa School District spend more wisely, raise achievement and regain the trust of the community.

"I want to usher in a new era of fiscal accountability, academic excellence and community involvement," said Brown, 37, of Danville.

"Those are three things that

need to be addressed, and it starts with the budget."

Pfeifer, 56, of El Cerrito, said she wants to show the public the school board is receptive to their ideas.

"I hope to move the board toward being respectful and responsive to the community," Pfeifer said. "Let's listen to what these people are saying."

The two beat out five other candidates, including incumbent George Harris III, for seats on the five-member West Contra

Costa school board. Pfeifer won 23.1 percent of the vote; Brown, 20.1 percent.

Harris, elected in 1999, won 17.5 percent of the vote in his reelection bid. Board member Patricia Player, also elected in 1999, decided not to run again.

The board oversees the district's 33,000 students and a \$248 million general fund budget.

Last spring, the board made a series of tough decisions as the West Contra Costa school district faced \$16.5 million in budget

cuts. The board authorized cuts to sports, music and library.

Students erupted into a series of vocal protests. Activists protested in a hunger strike and marched to the state capital in protest.

Though the dust has settled somewhat, the district is still entrenched in ongoing controversies. Tonight, the board will hear proposals to shut down elementary lines and shut down boundary schools. In January, the district

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## El Cerrito will appeal tax refund ruling

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city will appeal a recent small claims decision awarding \$1,324 to a couple who sued to recoup their 2001 payment of El Cerrito's real property transfer tax.

The City Council repealed the property transfer tax last year after questions about its legality were raised by a member of the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance, a city government watchdog group.

A California Supreme Court decision in the case of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc. vs. the city of La Habra in June, 2001 made the city subject to legal challenge if it retained the tax.

Scott Haeger bought his home two months after the court decision, in August 2001, and paid \$1,262.

"They should've done the right thing back in 2001," said Haeger, of the city's failure to repeal the tax following the La

Habra decision. "They made a mistake and they ripped people off."

While the city refunded nearly \$1 million in transfer tax money to residents last year, Haeger said the city rejected his claims for a refund, citing a one-year statute of limitations.

Haeger and his wife, Barbara Sabbadini, filed suit in the Contra Costa Superior Court small claims division in July and were recently awarded a judgment for \$1,324 — the cost of his payment, plus court expenses.

Though no reason was given for the judgement, Haeger argued he deserved the refund because he bought his home after the La Habra decision, but before the council adopted an ordinance on July 16, 2001, that he believed limited the city's statute of limitations from three years to one, preventing him

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Program to offer children's program

A culturally rich blend of music, storytelling and dance for school-age children and their families will be presented on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.. The program is part of Children's Book Week PLUS at the Albany Library, Nov. 1 through 24. Other activities include an online game and prizes. For more details call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

## Council to consider traffic declaration

The city's traffic and safety commission has recommended that the City Council approve a negative declaration for the Marin Avenue lane-reduction project, intended to slow down traffic.

The council will consider the negative declaration at its Nov. 15 meeting, said community development director Ann Chaney and the project could enter a test phase as early as next summer.

Certification of the negative declaration says that the project would not generate significant environmental effects.

The project would reduce the number of traffic lanes from four to three and add bike lanes.

## City need not pay to move main pipe

The city will not have to pay for the \$200,000 relocation of a high-pressure force main pipe moved to connect the Eastshore Highway and Buchanan Street in a project completed last year.

A judge in the Alameda County Superior Court ruled in favor of the city on Oct. 20 after it was sued by the East Bay Municipal Utility District for the cost of the relocation.

Attorneys on both sides of the issue agreed that in such cases, the owner of the newer infrastructure — whether it be the road or the utility — must pay for the cost of the relocation.

EBMUD argued that it was "first in time, first in right," because the project created a new street connection and therefore the city had to pay for the relocation. The city argued that it was simply a street improvement and that East Bay MUD had to pay.

The judge agreed with the city.

"Was the work done on the Eastshore Highway in 2001 a 'street improvement?'" wrote Judge Stephen Dombink in his statement of decision. "The answer is yes."

It was unclear whether the utility would appeal the decision, said Joel Fried, attorney III in the office of general counsel for East Bay MUD. "We're still considering our options," he said.

## Planners to review condo proposal

The planning and zoning commission is scheduled to reconsider a three-story, 22-condominium development at the site of the former Ellis Olson Mortuary on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on Nov. 23. The commission postponed a decision at its Tuesday, Oct. 26 meeting, to give time to developer Aaron Vitale to work with two Kains Avenue neighbors concerned about the development's effect on sunlight, privacy and the views of Albany Hill, said Albany planning manager Dave Dowsell.

Vitale also needs to fine-tune the design of the project, which includes 2,865 square feet of retail and restaurant space and 2,778 square feet of retail space, Dowsell said.

## El Cerrito

## ID theft — how not to become a victim

The Crime Prevention Committee in cooperation with the City Council and the police department will present an identity-theft workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the El Cerrito Senior Citizens Center, 6500 Stockton St. In this seminar, ID theft specialist Jim Montgomery will present ways to avoid becoming a victim of this fast-growing crime. The seminar is open to all; El Cerrito residents will receive priority reservations.

For information call 510-215-4414 ext. 30 or e-mail: crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Leave your name, telephone number and number of people in your party.

## Garden club to host annual fund-raiser

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its annual fund-raiser on Thursday, Nov. 18, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with the sale of white elephant items, baked goods, herbal products and crafts. Tea-table refreshments will be followed by a program on flower arrangements presented by Fusako "Seiga" Hoyrup, president of Wafu School of Ikebana. There will be a raffle of the flower arrangements, plus a door prize and silent auction. Guests are welcome. \$5 at the door.

For more information call 510-525-1669.

## Benefit dance party slated for Nov. 21

The Friends of the Cerrito Theater will co-host a benefit dance party at El Cerrito's Danceasy, 9951 San Pablo Ave. on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. A swing and nightclub two-step dance class will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dance party and raffle drawings from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The event will include appetizers, desserts and wine and beer.

The cost is \$15 per person. For details call 510-273-9250.

## Senior center will celebrate 30 years

St. John's Senior Center will celebrate its 30th birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at St. John's Community Center, 6500 Gladys Ave.

Local dignitaries will mingle with seniors over lunch, which will feature turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and other special dishes, plus an anniversary cake. The lunch cost is the same as every Tuesday, \$2. Guests should call by 10 a.m. Tuesday to let the center know they're coming. For more information call 510-222-3961.

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, Oct. 25

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers stopped a brown 1974 Chevrolet near San Pablo and Washington avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 23-year-old Vallejo woman, was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for identity theft charges in the amount of \$1,200. She was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Shortly before midnight officers arrested a 47-year-old Richmond man near San Pablo Avenue and Gilman Street for an outstanding warrant out of Solano County for failure to appear on vehicle code violation charges in the amount of \$10,000. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

## Tuesday, Oct. 26

■ **DUI AND DRUG CHARGES** — At about 3:30 a.m. officers arrested a 57-year-old Albany man driving a silver 1986 Honda on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue for DUI. He was also charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug possession and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers responded to reports of a subject sitting in an office waiting room who was laughing and causing a disturbance. They arrested the 36-year-old transient man for an outstanding Hayward warrant for damaging property in the amount of \$750. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

appear.

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At about 6 p.m. a woman reported that she had been robbed by two boys, 16 to 18 years old. She reported that the two thieves approached her while she was walking near San Pablo and Brighton avenues. One of them briefly brandished what looked like a handgun while the other took her shoulder bag. They then departed north on Kains Avenue toward El Cerrito Plaza and were gone when officers arrived.

## Wednesday, Oct. 27

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Officers located a gold 1991 Toyota in the 1200 block of Masonic Avenue that had been reported as stolen out of Berkeley. They did not have anyone in custody. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ **ATTACKER APREHENDED** — A woman called dispatch to report that her daughter had just seen the subject who had attacked her the previous week, near Solano and Pomona avenues. Officers located and arrested the 27-year-old Richmond man for assault. He was cited and released.

## Friday, Oct. 29

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a 20-year-old Berkeley woman driving a silver 1998 Mitsubishi near Central and Fairmont avenues, for DUI. She was charged with two counts of DUI and one count of being a person under 21 driving under the influence, cited and released.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Tuesday, Sept. 14

■ **DRUGS, STOLEN PROPERTY** — A 34-year-old San Pablo woman was arrested at 7 a.m. after she was found sleeping in a blue two-door Mazda on the 5800 block of Ray Avenue. The vehicle contained drug paraphernalia and stolen property, and the vehicle's license plate belonged to a 1985 Cadillac, police said. The woman later confessed to numerous burglaries or knowledge of burglaries committed by others. Police recovered volumes of suspected stolen property.

## Saturday, Oct. 16

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 46-year-old man was arrested at Albertson's at El Cerrito Plaza at 6:41 p.m. An employee saw the man concealing several items inside his pants and jacket pockets, police said. The employee detained the man, with some resistance, when he attempted to leave the store.

## Sunday, Oct. 17

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 41-year-old

Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of attempting to steal four watches at Target at 6:30 p.m. The man selected the watches, concealing them inside his jacket pocket. He was apprehended while leaving the store.

## Saturday, Oct. 23

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 47-year-old Richmond man was arrested at Target after he was seen concealing two radios inside his pants pockets and exiting the store without paying at 6:10 p.m., police said. Store employees said they recognized the man from a theft committed the previous day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 19-year-old Richmond man and a 21-year-old San Pablo man were arrested on suspicion of stealing a car stereo shortly after midnight on the 8100 block of Terrace Drive. The men stole the stereo then fled westbound on Terrace in a brown Chevy pickup truck, police said. The police stopped the vehicle, arrested the men and recovered the stereo.

## Vector control says take precautions

EL CERRITO — With the Oct. 12 discovery in the city of a Cooper's hawk that tested positive for West Nile virus, the Contra Costa County Mosquito & Vector Control District reminds residents they can help keep the virus from spreading by fighting mosquitoes, which carry the virus.

The district urges residents to take the following precautions: Drain all sources of standing water outside the house; repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes from entering buildings; wear long sleeves and pants if outdoors when mosquitoes are present; use DEET-containing re-

pellent; stock mosquitofish in backyard ponds and horse troughs; report dead birds to 877-968-2473.

West Nile virus is one of a group of disease-carrying viruses spread by mosquitoes; it first appeared in the United States in 1999. The virus is transmitted to animals and humans through mosquito bites. It cannot be transmitted from person to person. The dead Cooper's hawk was found near San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard.

For more information on West Nile virus, call the Contra Costa Health Services Department at 888-959-9911.

## CORRECTION

The Multimedia Notes column that ran Oct. 29 should have said that the Republican National Congressional Committee was

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■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black Honda Accord parked on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **INDECENT EXPOSURE** — At about 2 p.m. officers responded to Solano and San Pablo avenues on reports of a subject on the sidewalk who was removing his clothing with children in the area. Officers arrested the 65-year-old Berkeley man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and held to be released when sober.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers stopped a purple 1996 Dodge on the 800 block of Buchanan Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 24-year-old San Rafael man, was found to have outstanding San Francisco Police Department warrants for \$10,000 for driving with a suspended license and no registration.

## Saturday, Oct. 30

■ **VANDALS** — A resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night vandals broke into her silver 2000 Honda Civic and ransacked the interior. There were no witnesses.

## Sunday, Oct. 31

■ **ACURA RECOVERED** — Officers located a white 1992 Acura Integra on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue that had been reported as stolen out of Berkeley. They did not have anyone in custody.

■ **DODGE RAM RECOVERED** — Officers investigated reports of an aban-

doned vehicle on the 1400 block of Posen Street. The white 2000 Ram was found to have been out of Vacaville. The license plates were missing and they did not have anyone in custody.

## Monday, Nov. 1

■ **ARREST FOR RAPE** — While en route to a hospital a Dixon woman called to report she had been raped the previous day by a man in a white van. They located and arrested the 34-year-old man for rape, assault, deadly weapon, and lewd and lascivious acts. He was transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **VANDALS** — Over the weekend vandals etched the glass front windows of an appliance store on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue and a salon on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

## Summary

During the week of Oct. 25 through Oct. 31, there were 10 arrests, 10 citations, 10 false alarms, 10 injured animals, 10 persons who were locked out of their homes, 10 persons who responded to three reports of dogs, 10 persons who provided stand-by for two children, 10 persons who responded to civil disturbances and 175 calls. Officers stopped 66 vehicles, issued 25 citations and 175 warnings. Firefighter/paramedics responded to four fire calls and 10 medical emergencies.

## Man, 62, shot in robbery attempt

By Karl Fischer  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Police are seeking three muggers who shot a 62-year-old man after he tried to break through a barrier preventing them from understanding the demands for money.

The muggers had already up a 52-year-old Oakland man at the corner of Diego Street and Belmont Avenue about 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26, police said.

As they robbed that man, a 62-year-old worker at Pacific Mall approached on his way to nearby BART station, police said.

The robbers demanded money from him, but he spoke only Cantonese and did not understand them. When he shook his head, a robber produced a handgun and shot him in the right leg.

The victim was treated at Highland Hospital in Oakland, where he sustained a shattered femur. Witnesses reported a blue or green, late-1980s Honda two-door car with fog lights leaving the area of the shooting.

Police ask anyone with information about the case to call 510-4400.

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# Differences make mom, son a good mix

THIS IS THE STORY of a mother and son who love each other because of their differences, not in spite of them.

Tomorrow night, pianist Jeanne Stark-Iochmans will give a special concert at the Oakland Simons Theatre in Oakland. She has played most of the major recital halls in the world, including Carnegie Hall.

Next week, her son, Eric Bartenner, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his bakery, restaurant/pizzeria, the Phoenix Pastificio, on a not-so-fashionable block of Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, just south of the Gourmet Ghetto. One of his most faithful customers is Alice Waters, which tells you everything you need to know about the food.

Their story starts in Landen, Belgium, a small town outside Brussels, where Eric was born in 1949. From the beginning, they accepted each other for who they were. For one thing, Jeanne wasn't much of a cook, but Eric never held it against her.

"Actually, she wasn't a bad cook, she just had other priorities," he says. "I used to love sitting at her feet, listening to her play Bach."

Besides, the family already had a very good cook: Jeanne's mother, Marie, whom Eric called Mémé ("granda" in Walloon, one of Belgium's three official languages). She'd regularly come over and cook up a storm. And she taught Eric her favorite recipes, many of which he uses at the Phoenix Pastificio today.

For Jeanne, these were frustrating years professionally. Though she'd graduated with "Highest Honors" from the Royal Conservatory in Brussels, it was hard to get people to take female musicians seriously.

Even after they came to America in 1962, it was still a struggle. But her luck finally turned in 1981, when she moved to the Bay Area.

Haziah Williams, founder of the Four Seasons Concert series in Oakland, heard her play and was blown away. On the spot, he decided to resurrect her career. He walked up to her and said, "I can take you anywhere."

"And he did," says Jeanne. "He took me everywhere. I had never met anyone who was my champion before. But he was." Williams died in 1999 of complications from diabetes.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

Tomorrow's concert will be in his memory.

Meanwhile, Eric became one of the early members of the Cheese Board collective, which — along with Chez Panisse — is one of the anchors of the Gourmet Ghetto.

In 1983 he and his wife, Carole, left the Cheese Board and founded Semifreddi's Bakery, combining the family recipes Mémé taught him with good old American favorites like macaroons and chocolate chip cookies.

They sold Semifreddi's a few years later, and in 1994 they opened the Phoenix Pastificio. They purposely chose a site right around the corner from Jeanne's apartment.

"I wanted to be near her," Eric explains.

Jeanne pops in every morning to eat breakfast and play with her grandson, Antoine. Then they're both off for the day: Antoine to school and Jeanne to practice.

I said the Phoenix Pastificio is on a not-so-fashionable block, but that's changing — in large part because of the walk-in traffic the Phoenix attracts.

A coffee shop opened on the corner two years ago, and a florist and a jewelry store have also moved in nearby. People are starting to call the block "the second Gourmet Ghetto."

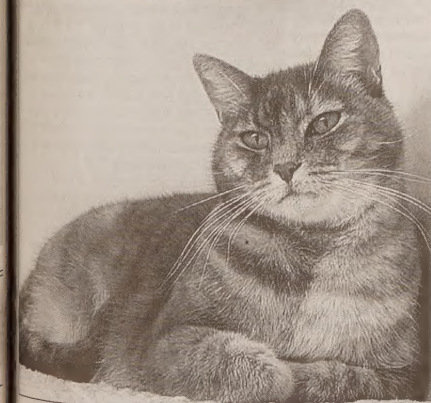
It's hard to tell which one — mother or son — is prouder of the other.

"Of all the things I like about her, I think it's her integrity I admire the most," says Eric. "Through all her struggles, she never gave up and she never sold out."

"He's creating a community," says Jeanne. "Everything on this street has changed because of him, and they know it. Do you know how it makes a mother feel when people come up to me and say, 'Oh, your son is the most wonderful person in the world?'"

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

KOKO is a 3-year-old dilute tortoiseshell. She's described as a cool and collected kitty whose favorite sport is high up on a shelf or on top of a cat tree," but who would do fine in a multicat household by workers at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, where she may be available for adoption.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Female Rottweiler mix, 12 years; male Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; male Belgian Malinois, 6 months; male German shepherd mix, 2 years; female Dalmatian mix, 8 months; male Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; male Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; female Shar Pei mix, 3 months; female border collie mix, 1 year; female border collie mix, 6 months; female terrier mix, 12 weeks; female German shepherd mix, 10 months; female German shepherd/husky mix, 4 years; female border collie mix, 1 year.

Cats: Several female dilute tortoiseshells, 7 years, 5 years, 4 years; several female tortoiseshells, 2 years, 6 months; female torbie (tortoiseshell-tabby mix), 6 years; fe-

male black, 2 years; several male blacks, 8 years, 7 months (three cats); two female black and whites, 7 years, and 11 months; several male black and whites, 5 years, 1-2 years; female calico, 3 years; two female calicos, 3 years, and 9 months; male gray tabby, 3 years; female brown tabby, 14 years; male black tabby, 1 year; male gray, 5 years; and many kittens.

Rabbits: Four mixed-breed rabbits of various ages and sexes, all white shorthaired.

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

# Neighbors

## FACES & PLACES

Albany has another newly minted Eagle Scout, Nick Bell, 18, following Court of Honor ceremonies held Oct. 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Nick has been an active Scout, who joined Cub Scout Pack 3 in the fifth grade and then became a member of Boy Scout Troop 14. In 2002, he hiked more than 60 miles in a high adventure backpacking trip to Philmont, N.M., and has attended seven years of summer camp at Camp Wolfboro in the Sierra.

Nick's leadership positions in Troop 14 have included Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Nick's Eagle Project, part of Cornell School's Spring Festival, consisted of fingerprinting and photographing young children so parents would have a record so that parents would have a record in case of kidnapping.

An avid musician, Nick plays drums with many bands, including a group that travels the West playing at youth events. Nick now is a student at California State University at Long Beach, majoring in film and digital animation.

A new Jay Haide violin from If-shin Violins in Berkeley ... a gift

certificate for a meal at Tartare, chef George Morrone's new San Francisco restaurant ... more gift certificates to renowned and more local restaurants such as Lalime's, Fonda and others ... tickets to opening night at Berkeley Rep — and major league baseball ...

With those kinds of items on the block, clearly there are lots of reasons to attend "Noche Tropical," a silent auction fund-raiser and party put on by Albany SchoolCARE, Saturday night from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Albany Community Center.

Strictly speaking, Noche Tropical already is underway with an art exhibit and silent auction at the Community center featuring the works of Albany parents who also happen to be acclaimed artists, for example, Bill Dane, an internationally exhibited photographer and winner of a Guggenheim and other major grants, and Elisa Kleven, nationally recognized award-winning children's book author and illustrator. The exhibit also includes works by other highly respected local artists including Susan Adams, Kanna Aoki and Amy St. George. The silent auction will end tomorrow night with the Noche Tropical event.

The party will feature live jazz, food from restaurants Cesar's and Downtown and from other local



NICK BELL displays his Eagle Scout certificate after Court of Honor ceremonies Oct. 25 in Albany.

chefs, fine wines and beer donated by The Pub on Solano.

SchoolCARE was founded by Albany parents five years ago to help raise money to supplement some of the school resources which were cut, along with continuing efforts from the Albany Music Fund and Albany Education Foundation. This past year, SchoolCARE raised \$300,000 in

direct contributions from parents and other community members.

The event is for adults only and tickets will be \$40 at the door. Guests are asked to come dressed for a party, start holiday shopping early and help support local public schools.

For details call 510-527-7320.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd

## Exercise goes long way in reducing stress levels

Q: I've been under a lot of stress lately and feel that both my body and brain are out of shape as a result. How would you suggest that I best deal with this?

A: Stress can truly affect us in so many adverse ways. These days nearly everybody is somewhat stressed because everything happens at such a hurried pace. Luckily, there are a number of things that can be done to reduce the tensions that we feel.

As a person who also feels stress often, I can tell you some of the methods I use to reduce my own tensions. The most effective and quick solution for me is aerobic exercise. Following a session of aerobic exercise, I feel that my stress level has dropped dramatically. However, if you do not currently exercise regularly, be sure to consult your physician to be certain that raising your heart rate is safe and appropriate for you. If you then begin an exercise regimen at a gym or other facility, it would also be wise to consult a trainer or other knowledgeable person with respect to appropriate levels of activity.

Overdoing the exercise of your muscles can be painful and might well discourage you from continuing a regular program.

Walking is another very good stress-reducer for me. Again, I prefer a very brisk walk, often uphill, but any walking is usually recommended by most physi-



CONNIE LYNCH  
Don't Lose Your Mind

cians as extremely beneficial.

When you are taking your walk, there are a number of other things to do that will also help lower your stress level. Sensory observation will help you to take your mind away from your stressful situation by concentrating on things happening around you. Focus each of your senses on your surroundings.

What do you see? How many cars pass you? How many flowers can you count? What sounds do you hear? Birds, children, or barking dogs, perhaps? Also think about what you feel. Is there a warm sun on your skin, or perhaps a cool breeze? Concentrate on odors as well — sweet-smelling flowers, unpleasant car exhausts, or anything else your nose may notice. There are so many things around us, and so much to consider, but try to pick out, and focus on, as many things as you possibly can, one thing at a time, of course.

Moving your concentration to new and different areas may also reduce stress levels. Solving puzzles that have nothing to do

with your personal situation may also be helpful, and will take your mind off those problems that are causing your stress. Working with your brain is very beneficial to your mental health, of course, and if you do not at present have favorite types of puzzles, you might consider trying some that are simple to begin with, and would not cause you to feel that you could not do them. Success is all-important at this point!

Certain levels of stress CAN be managed. Your question implies that you may be recovering from yours somewhat. The suggestions already mentioned may suffice for getting yourself back in shape. But one further note: if

there is some new subject, hobby or activity that you have an interest in learning, now is a good time to give it a try. Learning is always extremely helpful to your mental health, and a new subject would direct your attentions away from your stress.

Much luck!

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D. is founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For details on books and classes, call 510-466-5833.

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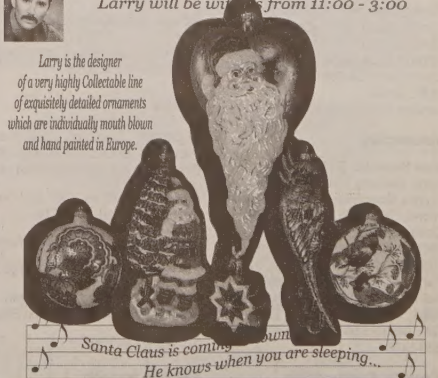
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— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Local candidates deserve to share election spotlight

WHILE PRESIDENTIAL AND state elections may have taken most of the spotlight, perhaps the most important decisions voters made Tuesday were at the local level.

Local elections are a way for Americans to participate in democracy and immediately see the results of their efforts. It is at this level of selection of school boards, city councils, and approval of school bond measures, utility users taxes and other local initiatives that politics has a direct impact on ordinary folk.

And the tone of local elections can often be as acrimonious as it is at the state and national level.

For example, this year's election saw normally quiet Albany rocked by flying accusations as the issue of what will happen to the waterfront drove the debate. The dialogue sometimes descended into acrimony.

It didn't help matters that the lack of an actual project to discuss allowed for considerable speculation by each side about what the other side was really in favor of.

We hope that, with the election behind us, the incumbent and new council members can help bridge the communication gap and move forward constructively.

We believe they can.

Sometimes local races are a starting point for bigger careers in politics. Sometimes they're the starting point for long-time local careers. And sometimes they're about a candidate getting his or her feet wet and deciding whether or not they're suited to the often rough and tumble world of the campaign or, if elected, to the give and take of running a city, a school district or other local agency.

But we believe, when it's a local election, that the impetus to run more often than not comes from a good place.

Local candidates, who come from the community, could be your neighbors, friends or co-workers. They run for office with the best of intentions and hope to make a difference in their child's education, or their city's fortune. The needs of the community are uppermost in their minds. We're lucky that is the case in our communities.

With the new members adding their new ideas and incumbents carrying out their promises we hope to see improvements in our schools, controlled change in our communities and better services.

The burden that falls on the winners of Tuesday's elections is several-fold: to stay true to the will of their constituents and at the same time be able to step back and look at the big picture instead of concentrating on narrow issues.

Those who will be sworn in have to remember who put them in office when it comes time to issue crucial votes in planning, finance, education and development, but at the same time they have to consider what's good for the whole community, whether it be in education, city and regional planning, or any number of new issues that predictably or unpredictably might come before them.

Though they may not receive the attention they deserve, local candidates carry an awesome responsibility. We welcome their dedication and service to the community. We wish all the winners well.

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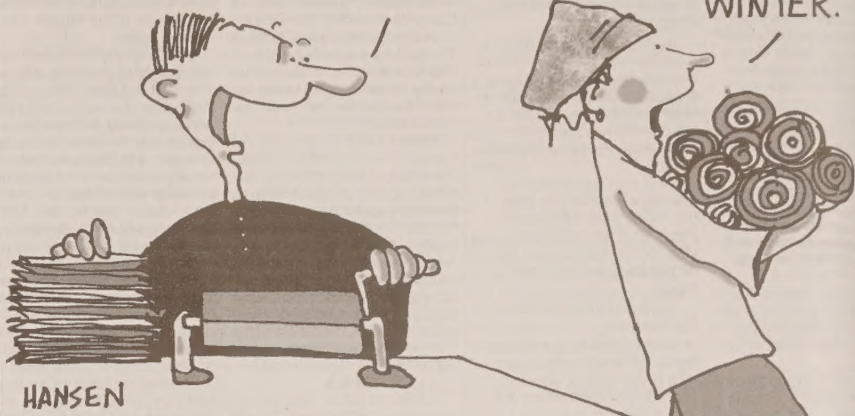
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## HOW ABOUT A SHORT BREAK FROM POLITICS?

SO, NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY "MAKING FIRE LOGS OUT OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE" MACHINE?

WE'LL MAKE THROUGH THE WINTER.



HANSEN

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Investigate allegations

When the military's use of torture was exposed at Abu Ghraib, the media's concern was how this might reflect on the United States.

Shortly afterward, the media seemed to declare the public tired of outrage and back-page stories referred to "abuse" — essentially avoiding the "T" word.

The International Red Cross says three British prisoners incarcerated at Guantanamo may have been tortured. Now that soldiers are being court-martialed, the question is raised as to whether Donald Rumsfeld tacitly, if not explicitly, authorized the use of torture in Afghanistan, Guantanamo and, finally, Iraq.

According to the Geneva Conventions, torture is a war crime. While the Pentagon has ongoing investigations of the scandal, Human Rights Watch was told that investigators are being pressured not to implicate top officials.

How can a panel appointed by Rumsfeld determine if Rumsfeld is responsible for torture?

Congress should appoint an independent commission to investigate torture allegations of all detainees.

Those who have forgotten their first outrage are urged to read Seymour Hersh's recently published "Chain of Command" to grasp the seriousness of this matter.

Elizabeth Brown  
Kensington

## Give kittens a home

I am referring to Martin Snapp's article about Bay Area shelters teeming with cats.

I agree that the population of the kittens is out of control. I have two cats; both are spayed. Even though we really wanted kittens, we didn't let them have babies. There are too many cats getting hit by cars and just wandering around; we definitely have a problem.

Maybe there are some things we humans can't do, but we can do a lot. We can take in cats that we see on the street; we can spay and neuter all cats, so that they don't reproduce.

Even though it's fun having kittens straight from the mother, you can get a kitten at an animal shelter. This will work because so many kittens will be taken off the street and into proper homes.

I know most people don't want a kitten, but maybe if the animal shelters had a free clinic where passersby could see the kittens, they wouldn't be able to resist.

Would you like to be left out, cold at night, without a home? Neither would these kittens.

Cori Kaufman  
El Cerrito

Cori is 13 years old.

## Not an attack

I was dismayed by Ann Berry's letter suggesting I attacked the integrity of her group.

I did not attack their integrity. However, I have highlighted the difference between their goal for waterfront development versus a waterfront park, a goal of thousands in Albany with whom I have been working for more than two decades.

When I was interviewed, the reporter didn't know the viewpoints of Berry's group, or that their attack on the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park/Sierra Club vision for the waterfront was emerging in the context of the Albany election.

Members of Berry's group had inac-

curately portrayed people who want park and open space on the Albany waterfront as outsiders and they had falsely claimed that CESP/Sierra Club promote waterfront development in a marsh or creek.

I took issue with these points. My words were reported out of context in the article, in a way that could potentially be read as diminishing their point of view because their group is small or because of their inaccurate charges.

While I disagree fully with their goals, I took their statements and tactics as only misguided electioneering and our real differences do not at all diminish their integrity in my eyes. I respect Ann and Howard Berry.

Robert Cheasty  
Albany

Cheasty is the co-founder of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and president of Citizens for the Eastshore State Park.

## What's going on?

I am a teacher at Fairmont Elementary School in El Cerrito, which has been selected by a committee of the West Contra Costa school board to be closed.

The board and Superintendent Gloria Johnston have promulgated information that stipulates that no decision regarding school closures will be made until the Nov. 17 school board meeting.

However, the board and/or Johnston (through their joint minions) have approved SBC to visit Fairmont Elementary to plan for the installation of phone, fax and computer lines in what are now classrooms.

The SBC employees visited Fairmont during the week Sept. 28 — two months prior to the final decision. The SBC employees knew how many phone, computer and fax lines were to go into what current classrooms.

This needs to be researched with respect to violations of the Brown Act. Are decisions made prior to public meetings? Why did the superintendent and her cabinet get raises, while teachers and para-professionals took pay cuts?

Daneen Cali  
Richmond

## Don't sell

If the city of Richmond sells Point Molate to Upstream Investments, we will lose one of the city's most valuable resources.

This property is as valuable as diamonds, yet our City Council is considering selling it for something akin to the price of sand. The tired refrain, "We have no choice, we need the money," fosters the already pervasive image of Richmond as an impoverished, downtrodden city, attracting sharks who feed well when others act in desperation.

It is true that many Richmond residents are desperate for jobs. I've heard people say, "I don't care about the shoreline. My kids need jobs." And, "They're going to keep building these casinos; we might as well get some of the money."

But wait a minute. Upstream is the

only party that is absolutely sure to profit from this sale.

Am I the only one who feels we're on the verge of hocking the family jewels to pay the light bill? The City Council can do better than this.

Let's forget about Upstream. Let's leave our shoreline alone and keep development inland, where it belongs.

Carol Teltschick  
Richmond

## A risky venture

Stem cell research is in its infancy because of the uncertainty of its effectiveness, public funding for such research is in the extreme.

Risking more of our tax dollars on such a venture amounts to a public subsidy that should, instead, be financed in the private marketplace.

If and when stem cell treatments prove to be a good thing, there will be plenty of private money available to foster its use.

George Ambler  
El Cerrito

## Gratitude's blessings

Evidence abounds that cultivating gratitude and forgiveness provides a solid basis for mental and physical well-being. Although it can take an extra effort, finding reasons to be grateful, the benefits of counting blessings start to accumulate.

Nurturing gratitude means we are appreciating, approving and affirming good in daily life. Good stories are reported in the media every day. I have found that I just need to value them and not let myself be overwhelmed by the disturbing and distressing.

To maintain an "attitude of gratitude" it's been helpful to me to keep a list of things for which I'm grateful, send a lot of thanks or consolation, and support causes I believe are just and right. The activities keep me focused on the betterment of mankind.

A favorite verse of mine is, "A grateful heart is a garden is, where there is ways room, for every lovely, God's grace to come to perfect bloom," which elaborates on the theme of cultivating. Weeding out the negative, sowing seeds of love in our thoughts and expressing them in word and deed will lead to a harvest for ourselves, our loved ones and our world.

Marilyn McPherson  
Berkeley

## A bad proposal

Shame on Rep. Dana Rohrabacher for advocating an amendment to the Constitution just so his pal Arnold Schwarzenegger can run for president.

In addition, Rohrabacher's proposal is surely a vote of no confidence in American people, revealing his underlying belief that we cannot find adequate leaders within our own hundreds of millions of home-born folks.

I want my president to share a deep hood grounding in American patriotism based on studying U.S. history every day in school, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily and family celebrations of American holidays.

Of course, we have many fine citizens of foreign birth, but loyalty is deep when there is no spare country to run to if the going gets rough.

With nearly all American private industry available to naturalized immigrants, not unreasonable to retain the vote of House for home-born citizens.

Dana Rohrabacher

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## ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

## Albany High School

7 p.m. — All parents of AHS students and instrumental students are invited to the third meeting of the Albany Music Fund Wednesday in the school library. The group has been planning for two music festivals in the Bay Area, Monterey, and San Francisco. Parent help is needed for transportation, chaperones, and volunteer coordination. Music festivals are essential to the musical development. Parents who want to see their students have the best possible experience in music should bring their ideas and energy to the meeting. For more information, contact Mike McKay 525-5255, mckaym@sbglobal.net.

7-7:30 p.m. Albany High School Theater presents Pirandello's absurdist play "Kiosko" (Perhaps). Albany High School Theater, 603 Key Street, Albany, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 adults. Information: 510-558-2500 ext. 2579.

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**AUSD Calendar**  
Nov. 9: Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell School.  
Nov. 10: District Budget Advisory Committee meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ocean View Library.  
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, no school.  
Nov. 12: Staff Development Day, no school for students.

## Albany Middle School

Parent Education presents "What Motivates Kids to Learn?" This conversation with AMS parent Brad Dolan, Ph.D., Stanford Education Program; Rikki Gudikoff, LCSW, Licensed Therapist; and Albany Middle School staff is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 7:15-9 p.m. at the Albany Middle School Library, 1555 Brighton Ave. (next to Cougar Hall).

AMS Parent Education — "What Motivates Kids to Learn?"

## Cornell Elementary School

Learn about the Cornell PTA etree, [www.cornellpta.org](http://www.cornellpta.org).

## ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

## Cornell Middle School

Portia Harvest Festival is Sunday, Nov. 7, from noon to 3 p.m. Food, games and prizes will be in and around the cafeteria. The Turkey Trot will be at the track; parents are asked to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cornellpta>. Contact: Greg Perez, gregperez@aol.com.

Fund-raising: Bring Bortops for Education (from select cereal boxes) and empty inkjet cartridges to the office to generate rebate funds for Cornell.

## Marin Elementary School

The Book Fair sold more than \$13,000 and met the Marin funding goal, generating more than \$3,000 for the school. The staff thanks families who donated books.

Fund-raising: Used cell phones donated to Marin School qualify for a tax deduction for the donor and generate \$100 for the school from EcoPhones. Information is available in the office.

Nov. 5: Kindergarten, second- and fifth-grade students will be screened for vision and hearing on Friday, Nov. 5 by qualified nurses, as mandated by the state education code. Information is available in the office.

Nov. 5: PTA International Potluck Dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ocean View Multipurpose Room.

To receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by email, contact Kym Sterner at [kymsterner@earthlink.net](mailto:kymsterner@earthlink.net).

## Ocean View Elementary School

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or emailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and scrip — mom@hotmail.com.

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## General Calendar:

Nov. 6: "Noche Tropical," silent auction and party for SchoolCARE, 7-10 p.m. Tickets: \$35 (request must be received by Nov. 3 at 510-527-7320 or at any school office) and \$40 at the door. Adults only, please.  
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## Library buildings can have a spiritual aspect



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

— Charles Horton Cooley, 1864-1929, American sociologist

**WHEN I TRAVEL**  
Through the rural areas of the United States, I am frequently struck by the optimism and community spirit represented in the new or re-modeled libraries I visit. A good example of this is the recently completed children's wing of the Grundy Public Library, in Grundy, Va.

The children's librarian there, Kathy McNally, gave me a tour of the library and told me the story of how this recently opened section came to be.

The original idea of expanding the library, which was built in 1974, started about 10 years ago. The Friends group sold coverlets, Grundy prints, books, plants and baked goods. The Virginia Legislature gave

\$50,000 and the Thompson Foundation gave \$300,000. Fund-raising eventually included a special committee, which used tips from another successful library campaign in the Galax/Carroll County library system. The Friends were reluctant to spend money on professional fund-raisers, so they did everything themselves — PowerPoint presentations, choosing a slogan ("Building a Legacy of Learning") and making every kind of personal and business contact they could think of.

They eventually raised over \$1 million, which, in a depressed area like Grundy, is incredible.

As Kathy walked me around, I was struck by the amazing amount of space and light, and the cheerful and welcoming color scheme. It is truly a place where any child or par-

ent would want to spend time.

In the past year I have also visited two new local libraries: the Dublin Library and the Livemore Public Library.

(I have to admit that having grown up using the original Carnegie library in Livemore, I still think of the other old Livemore Library as the new one.) Both of these are spacious, with areas for studying, meeting, browsing or just relaxing. Like the Grundy Library, it is a pleasure to visit them.

The other thing I like to do when I travel is visit churches, cathedrals, synagogues, mosques, etc. I love the feeling of walking into these hushed, yet vibrant, buildings, some with architecture so stunning I almost gasp as I enter. A good example of this is St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Church in New York City, at Lexington and 76th.

This church reminds me of a geode, one of those rocks that looks so plain on the outside and then surprises you by its beauty on the inside. It makes me happy to walk into a place like that and be, for a short time, a part of another world.

But it wasn't until recently — as I was thinking about the community effort required to build a new library, and as I was considering the feeling I get when I enter one of these buildings — that I found myself comparing libraries to places of worship.

Once I had that thought, I realized how many similarities there are. Both kinds of buildings are in a community and they are places where community members — as well as those, like me, who are only visiting — are welcome. They are places where you get the same treatment no matter who you are or how much money you have. They are places where different people come together because they have shared interests, be it books or spiritual needs.

And, finally, and perhaps, most important, they are places that require an ongoing belief in their critical importance to all involved.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@aol.com](mailto:jwinkelstein@aol.com) or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The next Second Wednesdays drop-in poetry writing workshop will be held on Nov. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Albany Library. The workshop is led by Alison Seevak, an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

Both events are in the Edith Stone Room and are free, ongoing and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

A living-history presentation will be held at the El Cerrito Library on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. on Windrush School.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk. Next up: "Cold Moun-

tain," by Charles Frazier (Nov. 23) and "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Jan. 24).

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Certified financial planner Jarrett Topel of American Express Financial Advisers will talk about paying for college including the 529 college savings plans and their tax advantages Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. He will give an overview of the costs of a college education, the best ways to save, and how to determine financial aid eligibility.

The library holds Family Storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled).

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Phone: 510-524-3043.

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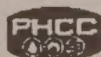
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# Calendar

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## Children

■ **Los Amigos de La Pena**, the popular Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents the following events: — Gerry Tenney's concert is on Nov. 6; mixing original and traditional music, a La Pena and Bay Area favorite. — Gary Lapow's concert is on Nov. 20. Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children. 510-849-2568 or go to [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org).

■ **UC Berkeley Women's Basketball Program** is sponsoring "Meet the Bears Day", a free basketball clinic for students 12th grade and under at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Nov. 13 in Haas Pavilion on the UC Berkeley campus. Pizza, skills clinic led by Cal players and coaches, photo and autograph session with team members included. No registration necessary. Details: call 510-842-9448.

■ **Children's Theatre Sippy Cups** performance is at 4 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. Pop-rock band the Sippy Cups, whose motto is "milk, music and mischief", play cool tunes for children of all ages; opening show is renowned musical storyteller *Asheba*. Circus acts also woven throughout the music. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children; call 925-798-1300. 510-845-8542 or go to [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

## Community

■ **Looking for Mr. SquarePants** — Paramount Pictures and Yahoo! Photos are bringing their nationwide SpongeBob lookalike contest to Cal's Upper Sproul Plaza at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Nov. 5. Tom Kenny, voice of SpongeBob SquarePants, will judge for the exact match lookwise, and personalitywise: the lookalike must be equally fun loving and mischievous. Once discovered, SpongeBob's double will be flown to Los Angeles for *The SpongeBob SquarePants* movie premiere on Nov. 14. To enter or get details go to <http://promotions.yahoo.com/spongebob> through Nov. 6.

■ **Literacy & Beyond!** Family Literacy Night Event at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA is at 7 - 9 p.m. on Nov. 5 at 2001 Allston Way. Free. Come celebrate Dia de los Muertos! Learn about this tradition of celebrating and honoring the dead. Special altar making and crafts by Victor Zabella, pan de muertos (bread of the dead) for all, and guest storyteller Olga Loya. Activities facilitated by U.C. Berkeley community service organizations. Kindergarten, swimming, sports, arts and crafts will be open. Asena or Sharon at 510-665-3271.

■ **Asian Business Association** pre-

sents "Welcome Aboard!" Fashion Showcase benefit at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. ABA's 8th annual charity showcase features fashions, comedy skits and performances by UC Berkeley student groups. All proceeds benefit "A Safe Place" Domestic Violence Shelter in Oakland. Tickets: ABA members: \$10, Non-ABA members: \$12. 510-845-8542 or go to [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** will hold the following pet adoption events: cats available at 12 - 3 p.m. on Nov. 6, 13, 20 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. — Dog and puppy temporary foster homes are urgently needed. Local animal shelters are overcrowded and the situation is desperate. Please call Hopalong Animal Rescue at 510-267-1915 or go to [www.hopalong.org](http://www.hopalong.org).

■ **The Spanish Table** store celebrates its third anniversary at 12 - 4 p.m. on Nov. 6 and at 12 - 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 at 1814 San Pablo Ave. Purveyor of specialty foods, wines & cookware from Spain & Portugal offers live music; paella, cataplana and other demonstrations, and a demo/book signing by Maggie Pond of Cesar. 510-548-1383.

■ **Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto** thanks veterans for their contributions to our country with a "Tribute to Veterans" celebration offering retired military personnel a complimentary lunch or dinner on Nov. 7 at 1919 Fourth St. Present a VA card, a VFW card, discharge papers or a DD214 to your server when you are seated. Reservations suggested but not required. 510-845-7771.

■ **St. John's PrimeTimes** November schedule includes: St. John's PrimeTimes and AARP is sponsoring a Safe Driving Class at 1 - 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 and Nov. 10 at 2717 Garber St., Berkeley, CA 94705. This is classroom setting, not driving. To sign up send your check for \$10 made out to AARP to Helen at St. John's at Garber Street address. Seniors who complete both sessions are entitled to a discount on auto insurance for three years. Details: call 510-869-6737. — At 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 9, blood pressure checks performed by Dr. Helen Christensen. (NOTE: all events except driving class are at College Avenue address.) 510-845-6830.

■ **American Red Cross** will be having a mobile blood drive in various locations around Berkeley and Albany: at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave.; at 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Nov. 18-19 at UC Berkeley Big Game Drive, MLK Student Union. For more info: call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit online at [www.RedDonor.org](http://www.RedDonor.org).

■ **"No Man's Land: Growing up In a Jewish-Christian Home"** talk is at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. What is it growing up in an interfaith home? Short, humorous, emotionally powerful, this one woman show tells how a Catholic Jewish woman came to define her spirituality. Cost: \$9/person, \$15/couple. Details: 510-839-2900 x347 or dawn@jfed.org.

■ **Growing Up in a Bay Area Orphanage for Chinese Youth** video shows at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. View a narrated

video of historical photos telling story of Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys and Ming Quong Home for Chinese girls. Panel discussion follows featuring former residents. Free. 510-526-7512.

## Exhibits

■ **North Berkeley Frame & Gallery** presents "Paintings and works on paper" by California artist Mitchell Johnson through Nov. 6 at 1744 Shattuck Ave. This is Mr. Johnson's first solo show in Berkeley and an opportunity to see his monotypes and gouaches. Details: 510-549-0428 or go to [www.mitchelljohnson.com](http://www.mitchelljohnson.com).

■ **Fourth Street Studio** presents "Landscape" featuring local landscape painters Mary Glasson, Tom Tanehill, and Steve Walstead. Through Nov. 6 at 1717 Fourth St. Audrey Kral will lead a dance titled "Human Landscape". The performance will weave itself through the gathering and interpret the concept of landscape in a three dimensional, kinetic medium. 510-527-0600.

■ **"War, Peace and Civil Liberties"** exhibition with 52 artists' painting, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking and video runs through Nov. 6 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Live Oak Park. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Public invited to bring copies of political posters, flyers, broadsides, ephemera related to the exhibition's themes (no originals) to self-install in lobby windows during exhibit.

■ **"Eye Talk Art—Visions from Three NIAD Artists"**, featuring artwork by Debra Colbert, Marion Mullen and Kevin Randolph at Britt-Marie's Café & Wine Bar Art Gallery, 1369 Solano Ave., Albany, through Jan. 9, 2005. Artists' reception and gift sale at 1 - 3 p.m. on Nov. 7. 510-527-1314.

■ **"Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families"** exhibit illustrates the growing diversity of the American family. Exhibit runs through Nov. 12 at Prospect Sierra Elementary School Library, 2060 Tapscott Ave., El Cerrito. Reception is 7-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 10. [www.prospectsierra.org](http://www.prospectsierra.org), contact Sam at 510-528-9800, or e-mail [sam@prospectsierra.org](mailto:sam@prospectsierra.org).

■ **Gathering Tribes Gallery**, 1573 Solano Ave., presents Marian Denipah (Tewa) and Steve LaFrance (Hopi) award winning Native American jewelers exhibiting fine bracelets, rings, necklaces and more in 14kt gold and silver with precious and semi-precious stones through Dec. 31. — NaNa Ping, award winning Native American (Yaqui) jeweler exhibits fine bracelets, belts, necklaces and more in silver with precious and semi-precious stones on Nov. 12-14. Reception is at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. Details: call 510-528-9038.

■ **Fourth Street Studio** presents show "Different People, Different Places" at 7 - 9 p.m. on Nov. 13 at 1717 Fourth St. Show features paintings of Bernice Gross and Robert Wahrhaftig. Bluegrass band "Breakthrough" from Sacramento will perform. Details: Mark or Gera at 510-527-0600 or go to [www.fourthstreet-studio.com](http://www.fourthstreet-studio.com).

## Film/dance/stage

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts the upcoming events: — **Guljerama** in concert is at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. \$10-\$15 sliding scale. — **Ray Cepeda's** CD release party is at 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 6. \$10/\$18 with CD. — **French cabaret** "L'un embrasse, l'autre tourne la joue" with poetry dialogues and theatre scenes is at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. \$12-\$15. — **Domingo de Rumba** community participatory event is at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 and Nov. 21. — "Floetry, a Spoken R-evolution of Word: Grito Serpentina, Teatro Luna, the Welfare Poets" is at 8 p.m. on Nov. 11. \$7-\$10. Details: call Fernando Torres at 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org).

■ **Albany High School Theatre Ensemble** presents Pirandello's "Absolutely! (Perhaps)" on Nov. 5-7 at Albany High School's Little Theater, 803 Key Route Blvd. Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets at door only; \$5 students and seniors, \$10 adults. \$55-2500 ext. 2579.

■ **Legendary Russian dance company Bolshoi Ballet & Orchestra** comes to UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, performing Yuri Grigorovich's *Raymonda* at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 6; and at 3 p.m. on Nov. 7. Tickets are \$48 - \$110. 510-642-9988.

■ **St. Joseph the Worker Church** presents "First Fridays", films with a social conscience, on the first Friday of every month. "Hidden in Plain Sight", a call for accountability to U.S. policy in Latin America, will show at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at 1640 Addison St. Upcoming films include "In Bad Company" on the anniversary of his death, Fr. Bill's first "conversion" with Martin Sheen (12/98), playing on Dec. 3; and "Peace, Propaganda, & the Promised Land": an historical overview of factors which distort media coverage of the Middle East Conflict, playing on Jan. 7, 2005. Admission is free. Details: 510-482-1062.

■ **Nguyen Dance Company** presents "Gan Voi Trai Tim (Close to the Heart)" at 8 p.m. on Nov. 6 and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Dance program draws from American and Vietnamese cultures, explores relationships that shape our lives. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors, \$10 children 3-10 years old; call 925-798-1300.

■ **Rebel Comedy Night**, an evening of provocative and provocative stand-up comedy, featuring Louis Katz, W. Kamau Bell, Brent Weinbach, Jasper Redd, and Sherry Sirof is at 9 p.m. on Nov. 6 at Fellini Restaurant, 1401 University Ave. Admission: \$5. 510-841-5200.

■ **Acme Players Ensemble** presents David Gilman's "Ghost in the Machine" on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through Nov. 7 at APE Space, 2525 8th St. at Dwight Way. It's a drama about two academic couples caught in a web of game theory, academic scandal, and plain old sexual tension. Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday show at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. Tickets: Suggested Donation \$5 to \$10. Reservations and questions, call 510-332-1931.

■ Award-winning author and NPR humorist David Sedaris returns to Zellerbach Hall at UC Berkeley at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9. Tickets: \$20 - \$38. 510-642-9988.

■ **Berkeley Ecological & Safe Transportation Coalition** presents a screening of film "The End of Suburbia" at 6 - 8 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Redwood Gardens main hall, 2561 Derby St. Film about how peak oil production will change our lives, followed by discussion with Jan Lundberg, of the Sustainable Energy Institute. Free. [www.berkeleybest.org](http://www.berkeleybest.org).

■ **Royal Court Theatre** presents Sarah Kane's "4.48 Psychosis" at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse at the following times: 8 p.m. on Nov. 10-13, 2 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 14. Tickets: \$65. 510-642-9988.

■ Acclaimed performance artist Laurie Anderson returns to Cal's Zellerbach Hall at 8 p.m. on Nov. 11-12 to perform her new work "The End of the Moon". Tickets: \$24-46. 510-642-9988.

■ **DC Productions** presents "Above and Beyond", a hip-hop dance showcase at 8 p.m. on Nov. 12-13 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Experience the innovative style and expertise of West Coast hip hop performed by some of Bay Area's hottest young dancers. Tickets: \$17 adults, \$10 children, \$15 students, \$7 seniors. For tickets, call 925-798-1300, for details, call 510-845-8542 or go to [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, presents Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" through Nov. 20. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Nov. 7 and 14. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 youth 16 and under. For reservations, call 510-524-9132 and for group sales call 510-524-6654. Free parking in an adjacent lot.

## Learning

■ **Vista Community College** offers the workshop "Destination Studies: New England" on Nov. 6. — "International Risk Management" workshop is on Nov. 13. — "Doing Business in the European Economic Community" workshop is on Nov. 20. — Workshops are at 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at 2020 Milvia St., Room 303. Details: call 510-981-2931. Register online at [www.peralta.cc.ca.us](http://www.peralta.cc.ca.us).

■ **El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee**, in cooperation with the El Cerrito City Council and the El Cerrito Police Department, offer an **Identity Theft Workshop** at 7 - 9 p.m. on Nov. 9 at El Cerrito Senior Citizens Center, 6500 Stockton St. Find out how to reduce

your chances of becoming a victim. RSVP: reservations 510-215-4414, ext. 30 or go to [crimeprevention@ci-elcerrito.org](http://crimeprevention@ci-elcerrito.org).

■ **American Golf Program Centers (AGPS)** is offering structural lessons, video, putting contests and other events for seniors: at 9 - 11 a.m. on Nov. 15 at the Open House Senior Center, 850 Stockton Ave.; — at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15 at the Senior Center, 1901 Hesperia Blvd.; — at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the Emeryville Senior Center, 1901 Hesperia Blvd. St. Details: call 510-528-1313.

## Literary events

■ **The Whole Note Poetry** Host Jesse Beagle welcomes poets by Randy Fingland and Ben Nov. 9 at the Bearyear Cafe, 1540 College Ave. Details: call 510-842-9988.

■ **Poetry Flash at Coyote's** 2454 Telegraph Ave., hosts upcoming events at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, Stephen Kessler and Ben Nov. 9 at the Bearyear Cafe, 1540 College Ave. Details: call 510-842-9988.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** Cafe Poetry hosted by K. J. p.m. on Nov. 10 at 3105 Shattuck Ave. Details: call 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org).

■ **Berkeley-based publisher Arts** is sponsoring a free poetry contest. Over \$50,000 in prizes will be awarded in coming year. To enter, send a poem, 21 lines or less, to PO Box 1140, Talent, OR 97149. Or enter online at [www.freecommunityarts.com](http://www.freecommunityarts.com). Prizes include name and address on a poem. Entry deadline is Nov. 15. Entrants will receive a winner's certificate.

■ **Alameda author Rox** will read from her book "The Learning" and answer questions 5 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito. 510-524-4622.

## Meetings/lectures

■ **Watershed Project** Community Watershed Project presents a free public lecture "Creative and Watersheds": How to use Native Plants is at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 at Tilden Park, 1500 Tilden Ave. Details: call 9430 or go to [www.watershedproject.org](http://www.watershedproject.org).

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** panel/open mike discussion

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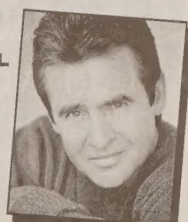
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was a day off, no need to get  
up, and maybe that was the  
best. No appointments, and so  
I was able to wake up fretting.

My mind was full of discomforts,  
small, but larger ones, too.  
Many disquieting thoughts  
about that I had a hard time  
controlling on any single one.

Insurance carrier for my house;  
I thought about a client's cloudy  
glazed windows; I must eat  
vegetables, take my vitamins,

I wasn't conscious enough yet  
more than randomly, but  
I long moved onto a project  
details, a listing and how its  
problems might be solved.

and on that for awhile. Trees  
use pruning; hot water heater  
be strapped; where can we  
new window cranks?

around and round my mind flit-  
the car needs washing. Jerry  
wonder if we'll ever take a  
vacation.

became so uncomfortable that  
I didn't need to get up, I  
thought that just standing on  
the porch and finding that I could



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walk, could still move about in my  
world might allow me to concen-  
trate on something — anything —  
and stop the frenzy.

I got a cup of coffee and began  
to read the newspapers, read of  
public housing projects gone bad,  
local glass blowing classes. Head-  
lines in one paper announced that  
the housing market is down, but in  
another, the market couldn't be bet-  
ter.

I arranged dirty dishes in the  
dishwasher and added water to a  
bouquet on the windowsill. The  
dentist's office called to change an  
appointment.

Life is complicated, I thought.  
So very complex, so many parts,  
so many people in the world. Each  
person is going about on the bus,  
in the car, getting gas. Working long  
hours, calling mom on the phone.

Take the kids to the park, pants  
need mending, not feeling well to-  
day, neighbor's dog barks all night.

The quantity and variety of our  
experiences — for each of us — are  
so vast, almost beyond our com-  
prehension. In just moments we  
feel, think, consider, respond to so  
very many things. It's hard to be-  
lieve that we are capable of doing  
so much so often even before we  
actually do anything.

This morning I finally was able  
to look up and out of my windows.  
I walked into my garden thinking  
that my sanity depends on being  
able to filter well, to concentrate on  
one idea, if only for a split second,  
before considering the next.

Right away, I began to feel bet-  
ter. I remembered then that when I  
get into a jumbled state, the best  
cure is to get something real done.  
I need to feel productive, to ac-  
complish something.

This would be a good day for  
cleaning out cupboards, I thought,  
or going through stacks of paper  
and throwing a lot away.

My day went quite well. There  
wasn't anything I could do about

See DOING, Page B2

### Real Estate Spotlight:

## New Mediterranean home in Oakland



**THE HOME AT 6829 ELVERTON DRIVE** in Oakland is a newly constructed custom de-  
signed home with a state-of-the-art kitchen (including a walk-in pantry). A dramatic circular  
entry features a hand-painted mural. The Mediterranean designed home is in an area of  
new homes in Montclair and offers beautiful bay and canyon views. The combined family  
room and kitchen has warm golden walls, natural cherry wood cabinets and commercial  
grade stainless steel appliances. Other striking features include coved ceilings, hand-plas-  
tered walls, hand-forged wrought iron and hardwood floors. The master suite includes a  
luxurious bathroom done in natural stone plus a walk-in closet. There are three other bed-  
rooms and bathrooms with a downstairs playroom which could be an au-pair suite.

Price: \$1,145,000.

Listing agent: David Hennigan, Wells and Bennett, 510-531-7000, ext. 229.

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### OPEN HOUSES



**Redmont** \$2,750,000  
1227 Wildwood Gardens Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 2.5 BA Charming & private in  
prime location. Remodeled kitchen,  
hardwood flrs, 3 fireplaces, study  
Dan Hymer 510.339.4700



**Redmont** \$2,450,000  
11 Faragut Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 4.5 BA Dramatic interior.  
Sophisticated living in this updated  
contemp. A special home.  
Joyce & Preston Grant 510.339.4700



**Redmont Hills** \$2,250,000  
899 Gravatt Dr. Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
BR 4.5 BA Phil Perkins design beautiful  
new construction, gourmet kit., level  
backyard great master  
Don Lancaster 510.339.4700



**Redmont** \$1,885,000  
1 Littlewood Drive Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 3.5 BA 4+ba contemporary.  
Living on 1 level. Extensively  
remodeled, au pair  
Don Duffield 510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



**Crocker Highlands** \$1,550,000  
1079 Ashmount Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 3.5 BA Fabulous with private park-  
like yard, tastefully renovated, light-  
filled, Old World Charm.  
Karen Lum 510.339.4700



**Rockridge (Upper)** \$1,324,900  
264 Sheridan Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30  
6 BR 4 BA Fantastic house w/ flexible  
spaces. Mstr BR w/ den & 2-way FP 2 jr  
suites, Fam rm & more!  
Joan Alford 510.339.4700



**Piedmont** \$995,000  
30 Echo Lane@Maxwelton Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 3 BA Bonus & family rooms.  
Sparkling Bay views, serene hillside  
ambiance with Piedmont schools!  
Vicky Faulk 510.339.4700



**Oakland** \$925,000  
50 Reata Pl. Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2.5 BA Stylish split level hm. on  
huge mostly level lot. Sunny kit w/  
adjoining fam rm & rump rm.  
George Karsant 510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



**El Cerrito** \$895,000  
944 Arlington Blvd. Sun 2 - 4  
4 BR 3 BA Enjoy bay views from this  
renovated, light filled Mediterranean.  
FR/Au pair, gar, yrd.  
Kim & Barbara Marienthal 510.486.1495



**Montclair** \$859,000  
6641 Woodland Pl. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA NEW PRICE! Big Bay Vtl 1  
level living! HWE, FP, Yard, 2-car gar,  
Fruit Trees.  
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700



**Rockridge** \$725,000  
5355 Thomas Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 2 BA The perfect combination of  
Rockridge charm, location & space. Big  
kitchen, level yard.  
Nancy Maloney 510.339.4700



**Montclair** \$739,000  
6164 Bullard Dr. Sun 1 - 4  
4 BR 2 BA Updated contemp. Stainless  
steel app. in kit. Red oak flrs & nutek  
radiant heating system.  
David Eckert 510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



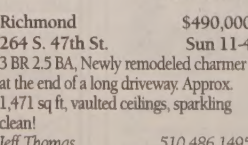
**Montclair** \$715,000  
1736 Gouldin Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2+ BR 2 BA Spacious & light filled w/  
open floor plan. Updated kitchen &  
baths. Family rm.  
Dan Joy 510.339.4700



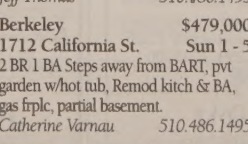
**Berkeley** \$595,000  
1553 Sacramento St. Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
3 BR 1 BA Gorgeous craftsman.  
Designer kit, sep studio, pvt yrd &  
patio. Nr BART/gourmet shops.  
Diana Kay 510.486.1495



**Oakland Hills** \$539,000  
4007 Lyman Sun 1 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA WOW! 1st time on the  
Market in more than 60 years!  
Beautifully cared for, fp, hwt, special  
Victor Ratto & Jeffrey Neidelman 510.339.4700



**Richmond** \$490,000  
264 S. 47th St. Sun 11-4  
3 BR 2.5 BA, Newly remodeled charmer  
at the end of a long driveway. Approx.  
1,471 sq ft, vaulted ceilings, sparkling  
clean!  
Jeff Thomas 510.486.1495

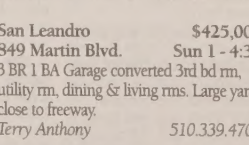


**Berkeley** \$479,000  
1712 California St. Sun 1 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Steps away from BART, pvt  
garden w/hot tub, Remod kit & BA,  
gas fireplace, partial basement.  
Catherine Varnau 510.486.1495

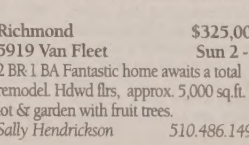
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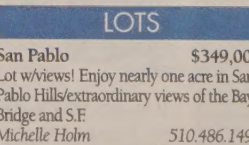
**Berkeley** \$439,000  
2714 Wallace St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 1 BA Home on tree-lined street. New  
foundation, hwd flrs & more. Separate  
garage at rear.  
Maura Allen 510.486.1495



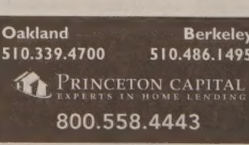
**San Leandro** \$425,000  
849 Martin Blvd. Sun 1 - 4:30  
3 BR 1 BA Garage converted 3rd bd rm,  
utility rm, dining & living rms. Large yard  
close to freeway.  
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700



**Oakland** \$339,500  
5714 Harmon St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 1.5 BA A rare find 1930s Medit. Gem  
2nd owner lovingly maintained. Fp,  
formal dining rm, 1c gar  
Antonia "Nomi" Robinson 510.339.4700



**Richmond** \$325,000  
5919 Van Fleet Sun 2 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Fantastic home awaits a total  
remodel. Hwd flrs, approx. 5,000 sq.ft.  
lot & garden with fruit trees.  
Sally Hendrickson 510.486.1495



**Oakland** \$232,000  
150 Pearl St. #324 Sun 2 - 4  
1 BR 1 BA Adams Point. Sunny top-flr  
condo! Fully updt unit in popular area.  
Gorgeous!  
Bobbie Giarratana 510.486.1495

### LOTS

**San Pablo** \$349,000  
Lot w/views! Enjoy nearly one acre in San  
Pablo Hills/extraordinary views of the Bay  
Bridge and S.F.  
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# Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

## FOR THE PUBLIC

**Buying Workshop**  
Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland" in the Montclair district of Oakland. This free seminar is 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Enjoy snacks and prizes. RSVP to Beatrix Kasten at 510-899-6366.

## Home Class

Learn how much home you can afford at "Buying Your First Home." The free seminar is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Oakland City Center Wells Fargo Bank. Receive a free credit report. Make a reservation with presenters, "Your Home Team Advantage" (a group of professionals from home mortgage, insurance, title and Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors) by calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

## Solutions Seminar

If you are ready for smart financial solutions to home buying, "The Home Buying Solutions Seminar" is the right choice. This free class is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13. The class is held monthly at the San Leandro Main Library. For reservations call 888-629-0077, ext. 8610.

## Teachers-healthcare workers

Teachers and healthcare workers are invited to a wine and cheese tasting. Enjoy the refreshments as you learn about loans especially for you. Bank representatives will answer questions. For reservations and the date of the next workshop call Unified Brokers Capital at 925-521-1521.

## Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are



evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact Sydney at 510-525-7610 or visit bldgduct.org.

## Safety Tips

PG&E offers many home safety tips and emergency preparedness. You'll find checklists and other useful information. Have the kids check out the safety games on the site to learn and have fun. Go visit at PG&E.com/safety.

## KWANZAA GALA

Alfred Reynolds of Oakland's Alton Property Management and chair member of 100 Black Men of the Bay Area announced the 16th Annual Christmas/Kwanzaa Scholarship Awards Gala, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11. The theme is "Four For The Future" comprising youth mentoring, education, economic development and health and wellness. Purchase tickets online at www.100blackmenba.org.

## NOTARY

Become a notary in one day or renew a commission. The prep course and state exam are both offered on the same day. Before the class, you will receive practice questions plus tips and money-making ideas. Visit www.notariesunlimited.com.

## DESIGNATION

The Women's Council of Realtors offers a designation designed to focus on current topics driving the marketplace. It provides real-world tools and skills to today's practitioners. The Performance Management Network (PMN) designa-

tion replaces WCR's LTG designation. It is earned through courses in negotiation, networking and referrals. Learn more at www.realtor.org.

## BROKERS

**Bob Valva** of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland and to facilitate city sales and leasing. The next meeting is Thursday, November 11 at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

## LANDLORDS

Landlord Accounting Made Easy Using QuickBooks is a seminar sponsored by The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County, Saturday, Nov. 13. The class is specifically tailored to property management for property owners and managers. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

## MEMBERS

The California Association of Realtors Member Advantage program offers members-only savings to California Realtors. Visit the member advantage page at CAR Online www.car.org/membersadvantage for more details.

## VIP

NAR members enjoy the benefits of the REALTOR VIP Program designed to help them gain the advantages of group buying power, plan for the future and expand their professional knowledge through its more than 50 publications and educational offerings. The more than 40 strategic alliance partners are leaders in their industries and committed to providing NAR members with special offerings tailored to their needs. Check out these offerings at www.realtor.org.

## FAIR HOUSING SEMINAR

Fair Housing continues to be the most complex, serious and costly

issue for the rental industry. You and any person on your staff has personal liability in a complaint and can subject his or her supervisors, the management company and the owner to potentially devastating settlements, awards and fines. You can't afford not to know. During this seminar, you will gain a better understanding of the laws, how the laws are interpreted and how to comply with them.

Mona Breed, executive director of Sentinel Fair Housing and Paul Pesta, executive director of Apartment Owners Alameda will inform you how their organizations can help to keep you up to date regarding Fair Housing Laws, Security Deposits, Habitability, Right to Entry, Evictions, Alameda Rent Increases. Thursday Nov. 11, 2 - 4 p.m. at Community of Harbor Bay Isle, 3195 Mcarney Road, Alameda. Space is limited. Call Tanya Lucas at 510-814-4801 for reservations.

## WHO?

DeAnna Baldrige has created her own special niche. She's her own boss now as the broker/owner of Ridge Realty on Franklin Street in Oakland. She is also gearing up for a two-year stint as the 2005 President of ARPB. Wish her good luck and prosperity at 510-777-0404.

One of the fastest growing companies in the Bay Area, according to the SF Business Times, is Olympia Funding. The mortgage company boasts offices in 45 states, 17 in California. Founder and CEO Bill Hogarty speaks on successful business strategies throughout the country. Details are available at www.ofloan.com.

## WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbiered@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

# Sales

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many of the things I'd been worrying about.

I worked on a jigsaw puzzle for a time, my form of meditation. Peacefully fit those pieces together, make a whole, think about life — or nothing.

The weather was beautiful so I spent an hour cleaning up the garden, went inside to clean out files, and moved on to the kitchen counters and shelves.

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# A look at the many faces of reverse mortgages

As the baby-boomers continue to age, more and more focus has been pointed towards our parents and their ability to survive on their limited fixed incomes from retirement accounts and social security. Our parents, often called "the great generation" who fought the great fight overseas in places like Europe and Asia, in the 1940s and 1950s, came home to make the American Dream a reality.

The millions of housing units constructed and purchased through out the nation, provided that trickle-down effect that provided jobs in every sector of the economy and a boom in prosperity that many of us can credit the health, education and prosperity that came along to provide the opportunities to make our own lives better than our parents even experienced. That dream of home ownership and zero balance mortgages (remember the mortgage-burning parties?) was foremost in most of our parent's minds. Paying off the mortgage was the great quest and I remember many who would rather pay the mortgage payment than paying for necessities like heat and food.

Today, we see another turn in that thinking. Those fortunate few who scrimped and saved to pay off their homes are equity rich and cash poor. They believe that with their limited fixed incomes, they cannot qualify for traditional conventional loans that would enable them to "cash out" their equity to supplement their lifestyle and ease their burdens. (But, then "conventional financing for the elderly" is a whole other column).

## Reverse mortgages

One of the solutions may be the reverse mortgage. What is it? A reverse mortgage is a loan against your primary residence that you do not have to pay back as long as you live there. The cash you get from this type of mortgage can be repaid in several ways:

- All at once, in a single lump sum of cash,
- As a regular monthly cash advance,
- As a "credit line" account that lets you decide when and how much of your available cash is paid to you, or
- As a combination of these methods.

The premise of the reverse mortgage is that you do not have to repay anything back until you die, sell your home, or permanently move out of your home. To be eligible for the majority of reverse mortgages, you must own your

home and be 62 years or older.

How is it different from a traditional home loan? Typically, a conventional home loan lender will qualify the borrower's income to determine if they will be able to pay back the loan in monthly installments. In a reverse mortgage, there are no payments so there is no monthly income to determine if they will be able to pay back the loan. A homeowner can still qualify for a reverse mortgage. With a conventional home loan, if you do not make monthly payments, you lose your home. A reverse mortgage has no monthly payments so you lose your home by selling it.

A conventional loan is called a "forward" mortgage. You most likely have now a conventional and reverse mortgages are alike in that they both affect how much equity in your home you have in your home but they do so in opposite ways. Debt is the amount of money you owe a lender. It includes advances made to you or on your behalf, plus interest.

"Home equity" means the value of your home less any debt it. For example, if your home's market value is about \$200,000 and you owe a mortgage of \$100,000, you have \$100,000 of equity. If you own a mortgage of \$100,000 and your home's value is \$200,000, you have \$100,000 of equity. This allows the borrower to spend down their home's equity while they live in their home without making monthly payments.

There is an exception to the rule that reverse mortgages don't always pay off the debt and falling equity. If the home's value grows rapidly, equity could increase over time.

The Loan Process for reverse mortgages began as an expensive program over

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# Berkeley Realtor wins national Good Neighbor award

MARVIN GARDENS REAL ESTATE

**BERKELEY** — Diane Mintz, a real estate professional with Marvin Gardens Real Estate, has been named one of the recipients of the fifth annual Good Neighbor Awards by REALTOR Magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Realtors.

Mintz is being recognized for sending more than 1,000 underprivileged kids to summer camp.

REALTOR Magazine's Good Neighbor Awards, in its fifth year, honors the ongoing volunteer efforts of Realtors who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their communities. Winners were selected based on the depth and impact of their volunteer contribution, the broadness of that impact, and their demonstrated leadership and initiative. Nearly 300 entries were considered this year.

In 2000, Mintz founded Youth Enrichment Strategies, a nonprofit organization that has made it possible for more than 1,000 low-income kids and teens — 365 this year alone — to go to summer sleepover camps.

It was an idea that was generated six years ago while she was tutoring children one night a week at Coronado Elementary School in a destitute area of Richmond.

A first-grade boy was trying to read the word "bed." Mintz hinted to him, "You know, it's what you sleep on," recalls Mintz. The boy didn't follow the simple explanation and told Mintz where he sleeps: the floor. As Mintz learned more about the boy's life — the dysfunction in his home and the long cycle of poverty in his inner-city community — she discovered his story was far from unique. Most of his classmates lived in bleak conditions with very little interaction with the world outside of their rough neighborhood — a place where guns, violence, and drugs, are just part of growing

up.

"In many homes there's not one trustworthy, emotionally stable caretaker," Mintz says. "These are homes where kids are coming up like grass in the cracks of cement. No one says it's time for bed, no one says it's time to get up for school."

Mintz decided she could help by showing these children the culture, beauty and opportunities that

literally surround them in the San Francisco Bay Area. So she began renting a van on Saturdays to take 10 kids on outings to museums, parks, theaters and festivals.

As a finale, the group went on an overnight camping trip, complete with marshmallow roasting and a watermelon-eating contest. Camping was the clear highlight, which motivated Mintz to take her work a step further.

She began to negotiate reduced tuition with several summer camps. Even at a lowered cost of about \$250 per child, raising the money is no small task. But as campers and their parents will tell you, the experience is invaluable.

It gives kids like 14-year-old Royce Hughes, whose friend was injured by gunfire early last summer, the chance to leave behind the stresses of the neighborhood and tap into skills they never knew they had.

"It keeps me out of trouble," says Hughes. "To me, the best parts this year were meeting new friends and the river rafting trip." Hughes also completed leadership training at camp, and says his goal is to be-

come a camp counselor.

Zadia Saunders, 13, discovered a passion for archery. "I really fell in love with it," she says.

Perhaps most valuable of all, says Zadia's mother, Demetria, is that camp allows kids to enjoy being kids. "When they go away, they're no different than the more well-off children at camp," she says. "It puts them on a level playing field and lets them know there's a different way of life. When they come back they have a whole new direction."

In 2003 Mintz expanded her program to serve children from a second Richmond school, Verde Elementary, which was, until recently, one of the lowest-performing schools in all of California.

Because many parents at the school were unfamiliar with the program and reluctant to let their kids go, she organized a special weekend camping trip in March for the entire family.

A naturalist led parents on hikes through the woods. Families participated in conflict resolution sessions and everything was translated



DIANE MINTZ

for the 60 percent of parents who speak only Spanish.

The camp brought parents together and convinced more of them to send their kids to camp, Mintz says. "It also made school a friendlier place for parents. We know from research that when parents come to the school and get involved, their kids do better."

If funding allows, family camp will become a semiannual event.

"My goal from the outset has been to expose these kids—who have had no exposure to enrichment and have no idea what their capacities are — to activities that will give them a sense of personal accomplishment," Mintz says.

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# Area remodeling industry group announces winners of 10th annual awards

LAND — The San Francisco Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) has announced the winners of the 10th annual REM-REM awards honoring excellence in remodeling.

Alward Construction, Inc., a San Francisco-based contractor, won two awards. NARI members voted it in a range of categories, including kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels, whole house remodels and universal design projects. The company's projects are located throughout the Bay Area and were completed between Jan. 1, 2003, and Dec. 31, 2004.

## Grand prize remmies

**Whole House Remodel more than \$1 Million** (San Francisco): Alward Construction, Inc., San Francisco, (General Contractors) Bob Vranizan and Kevin

cross the street from San Francisco's Buena Vista Park, this end-of-the-house remodel involved converting two flats of a newly built run down, four-story Victorian into one single residence plus a ground floor garden apartment.

In spite of the falling out the owners had with the original contractor, the contractor was able to act as intermediary to help create a functional, functional home that was transformed into a dazzling place. The project involved digging down one foot to keep a comfortable eight-foot of headroom

for the garden apartment and adding a simple kitchen, bath and two pairs of French doors opening into the back yard.

The first floor, which housed the original lower flat, was converted into a new modern kitchen with open floor plan for entertaining. The old kitchen, hallway, living and dining rooms of the upper flat were combined to create a spacious master bedroom suite. The attic was converted into a new deck with a fantastic 200-degree view of the city. An elevator was also installed.

Following is the list of the 2004 best in remodeling first-place winners:

## First place awards — contractor division

**Kitchen Remodel from \$30,000 to \$60,000** (Oakland): Stacy John Mackey, Oakland

Elegance on a budget best describes this kitchen remodel in Oakland which used less expensive materials and re-used the existing cabinets. Polished concrete countertops, plus new drawer boxes, drawer fronts and birds-eye maple panels with a custom conversion varnish finish give the kitchen a distinctive look. A stainless steel backsplash featuring a quilted harlequin pattern was inexpensive yet sophisticated. Cost for the project was less than \$43,000.

**Residential Kitchen more than \$100,000** (Berkeley): McCutcheon Construction, Inc., Berkeley

Built in 1916, this single-family residence on a sloped lot in one of Berkeley's oldest neighborhoods was modernized using vintage details to create a kitchen for a large, active family. The new kitchen offers an indoor and outdoor culinary, sunset and entertainment paradise.

The pivoting Butler's door was refurbished and returned to its original location. The etched glass range backsplash with nightlight is set inside an existing window and provides privacy from the neighbors. Traditional materials like subway tile, craftsman-inspired cabinets and one-inch strip oak flooring were mixed with modern, including granite and copper counters, custom maple/cherry and reclaimed fir island, two under mount fireclay sinks and surround sound.

**Residential Addition from \$250,000 to \$500,000** (Oakland): Alward Construction Inc., Berkeley

An Oakland family was growing but the house was not. The kitchen was cluttered and too small, the laundry was located in the dirty garage and the parents wanted their own suite, additional bedrooms plus a playroom for the children. The contractor tore off the back of the house and built a three-story addition allowing for a master suite, new kitchen, new bedrooms, play room and a clean laundry room.

**Universal Design** (Berkeley): Alward Construction Inc., Berkeley, and Catherine Roha, AIA, Berkeley

This two-story duplex was transformed into fully accessible space for the owner and guests. Conducted in four phases, the project involved creation of an accessible entrance from street level to the first floor and creating an accessible garden and deck with accessible hot tub and a series of paths and ramps allowing flowing movement for large parties for many wheel chair users. The project also added an elevator to the second floor, and the kitchen was remodeled to allow easy food preparation, stocking, dining and clean up, all from a

wheel chair.

Winans Construction in Oakland, was recognized for having won the most awards — 14 — in the 10-year history of the REMMIES and Mahoney Architects in Tiburon received kudos for winning the most first place awards — 9.

San Francisco architect Beverly Prior of Beverly Prior Architects served as emcee at the ceremony held Oct. 13 at the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco. She presented 21 awards in three divisions: contractor, designer and specialty.

Judges were Peter Whitely of Sunset Magazine; Bob Peterson, AIA, Palo Alto; Bob Davis, general contractor, Mountain View; and Victoria Schomer, ASID Interior Concerns, San Rafael.

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More than \$1,500 was raised for Rebuilding Together from the night's silent auction.

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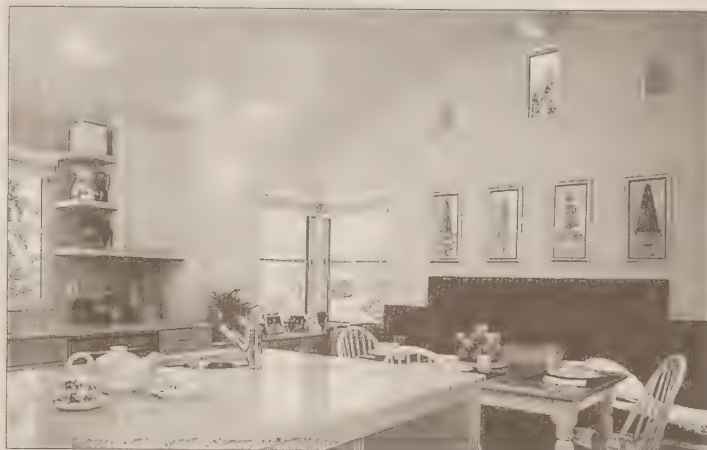
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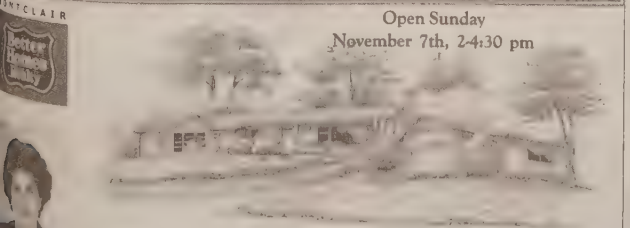


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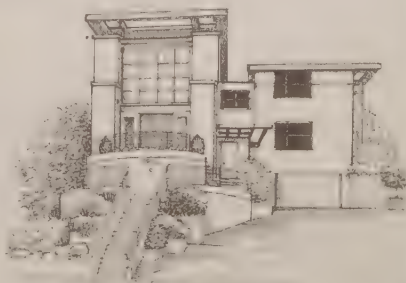
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## Reverse

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ago, an idea put together by a group of independent bankers. Major complaints had been things like topping out the home value, required shared appreciation as values increased or even the lender requiring all appreciation over the topped out value to go to the lending institution.

Today, with guidelines and protection provided by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, combined with the NRMLA (National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association), reverse mortgages have become a real viable option for many seniors.

The process today is as follows. 1. A homeowner learns about the reverse mortgage program from a news article, advertisement, word-of-mouth, this column, etc., and

2. Takes action by contacting a reverse mortgage lender. It is important to know that only lenders specified and approved reverse mortgage lender may provide applications for reverse mortgages to qualified homeowners. You can get a listing of approved lenders at the website for the NRMLA at [www.ReverseMortgage.org](http://www.ReverseMortgage.org).

3. The homeowner seeks counseling from a HUD-approved counseling agency or AARP (Association of American Retired People) trained telephone counselor. Counseling is mandatory regardless of which reverse mortgage product you choose. Counseling is usually conducted face to face, unless you use an AARP counselor. The counselor provides supplemental information on reverse mortgages, determines whether you are eligible to get a reverse mortgage and discusses other options.

4. The homeowner fills out a loan application and selects the payment (to the homeowner) option: fixed monthly payments, lump sum payment, line of credit or a combination of these. The lender will disclose to the home-

owner the estimated total cost of the loan as required by the Federal Truth in Lending Act. The lender collects money for the home appraisal and the homeowner provides lender with required information which includes a photo ID, verification of social security number, copy of deed to home, information of any existing mortgages on the property (which will be paid off with the reverse mortgage proceeds) and a counseling certificate.

5. The lender processes the loan and orders the appraisal, title insurance, lien payoffs (mortgages, taxes, supplemental liens) etc. The appraiser will come to your home and establish value and if he (or she) discovers any structural defects which require repair, the homeowner must hire a contractor to complete the repairs after the reverse mortgage closes.

6. After all the paperwork is collected, the lender will package the loan and send it off to the underwriter. (This is that person that makes certain that all of the guidelines have been met and that the borrower is a viable reverse mortgage candidate.) The average underwriting time for a reverse mortgage is 4 to 6 weeks.

7. When the loan package is approved, the signing of the loan documents are scheduled. The initial and expected interest rates are calculated. Closing papers and final figures are prepared. Closing costs are normally financed as part of the loan. Lender or title company has homeowner sign the loan papers.

8. The homeowner has three business days after signing papers in which to cancel the loan. Upon expiration of this period, the loan funds are dispersed. The homeowner accesses the funds in the form of the payment option selected. A new lien is placed on the home. The homeowner may use the loan proceeds for any purpose. During the life of the loan the loan servicer disperses monthly payments to the homeowner (if this option is chosen), advances line of

Most lenders are restricted to conforming loan limits (currently, a single-family home, conforming loan limit is \$333,700). Property types are also limited to single family homes, duplexes, 3-plexes and 4-plexes.

credit funds upon request and sends periodic statements.

9. The homeowner doesn't make any monthly mortgage payments to lender during the life of the loan. The loan is repaid when the homeowner ceases to occupy the home as a principal residence. The loan may be repaid when the homeowner ceases to occupy the home as a principal residence. The loan may be repaid by the homeowner or the heirs/estate, with or without the sale of the home. The repayment obligation can't exceed the home's value or the sales price of the home.

## How the loan amount is determined

In the fiscal year 2004 (October 2003 to September 2004) 90 percent of all reverse mortgages were made through the Fannie Mae and HUD programs. The loan amounts were limited to Fannie Mae Guidelines and/or FHA maximum loan amounts and loan to value restrictions.

The three most important criteria for determining just how much equity the lender will allow the borrower to spend is:

- Age of the borrower(s)
- Interest rate
- Market property value

It is a complicated formula, which is just one of the reasons that you need to work with a specialist in reverse mortgages. When I called my friend (and Lions Club brother), Chuck Ellis, Wells Fargo Bank's Piedmont branch manager, he agreed.

"Wells Fargo Bank is one of the largest originators of reverse mortgages, and one of the few major banks to do so, maybe the only one. All reverse mortgage inquiries are referred to our local area spe-

cialist in reverse mortgages who determines if it is the best loan for that borrower."

Although, to most of us, that seems like a pretty big loan, it works because the loan to value was only 37.5 percent, well within the lender's (and their investors) comfort zone. Rose went on to explain that while conforming loans are stuck to specific loan to value guidelines, the Jumbo loans are geared even more specifically to the borrowers' needs. Rose explained that they would look at borrowers in their mid-sixties and feel comfortable with a 50 to 60 percent loan to value where as those borrowers in their mid-seventies might receive a loan at 70

percent or more. This option more helpful for living in the San Francisco Area, where property values are therefore Home Equity based on the reverse mortgage concept, may provide an option in the world of Madness.

Great websites to reverse mortgages: [www.niemae.com](http://www.niemae.com), [www.reversemortgage.com](http://www.reversemortgage.com)

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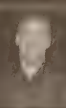
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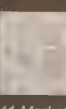
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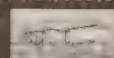


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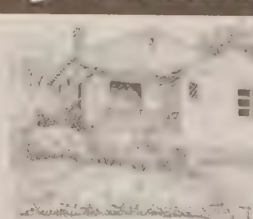
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## INSIDE AND OUT

## Avoid problems — winterize your home

Q Now that fall is here, I want to get the exterior of the house ready before all the rains begin in earnest. Last winter we had some water under the house and some of the gutters weren't draining. Other than fixing the gutters, what else should I be doing to prepare my house for the wet weather?

— F. R., San Mateo

A With the winter approaching, and the chance of wet weather, it is wise to begin the outside maintenance of your home. Water, and the sun's ultra violet rays, are the two most destructive forces on a building, with water penetration being the worse. Water not only has the ability to cause wood to rot, it can eas-

ily damage siding, painted surfaces, wallboard, carpeting, as well as metal pipes and furnace ducts. Over time, water can even cause buildings to move and settle.

The sun's ultra violet rays are also destructive. The sun's heat causes materials to expand and separate, and the sun's ultra violet rays oxidize the surface and finish of things to break down. This movement and surface breakdown is what causes paint to crack and peel, joints between materials to open up, and a general breakdown of material.

Preparing your house for this winter is probably one of the best things that you can do right now. You will want to focus on two important issues; making sure that water cannot infiltrate the exterior covering of the building (through the roof, exterior walls, doors and win-

dows), and ensuring that all surface water drains away from the foundation of the house.

If your house has gutters and downspouts, make sure that the gutters are clean and that the downspouts drain away from the building. Use a hose to flush them out. Clean and seal with caulking or mastic, any seams or joints that leak. If there are neighboring trees, consider having a leaf guard (plastic netting or wire) installed at the top of the gutters to prevent leaf debris from clogging the system.

If you have underground drainage lines connected to the downspouts,

make sure that the lines are flushed out and that the water runs to, or in, the street. If the down spouts are not connected to underground lines, you must make sure that they have splash blocks underneath them or hose extensions to divert the water at least five feet away from the home.

The ground in planter areas next to the house should also slope away from the house. If they are raised or enclosed with a brick or concrete block border, make sure that there are weep holes in the mortar joints at the base of the border to allow water to drain out. Otherwise during periods of heavy rain they will act as

## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1549 4th St - \$445,000  
1428 9th St - \$905,000  
108 Bannister Wy - \$520,000  
2610 Bayview Dr - \$675,000  
42 Britt Ct - \$670,000  
31 Courageous B64 - \$570,000

2242 Encinal Av - \$628,500  
2244 Encinal Av - \$600,000  
2815 Encinal Av - \$662,500  
3023 Flora Vista - \$485,000  
1118 Fontana Dr - \$515,000

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- 5308 Cole St., Oakland 2BD/1BA, 1 car garage, Charming PENDING \$359,000
- 3944 Potrero Ave., Richmond 4BD/2BA, 2 car garage. PENDING \$395,000
- 685 37th St., Oakland 4 Plex - Large 2BD/1BA Units + parking \$650,000
- 1927 Gaspar Dr., Oakland Sold for \$35,000 higher than asking in 16 days seller saved \$15,975
- 1373 Fountain St., Alameda Sold in 12 days seller saved \$22,390

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## 3 New Listings



1616 RICHMOND ST. B.R.

#347 - Spacious home with magnificent view of the bay with beautiful hardwood floors. Great location.



1531 REGENCY CT. ELG.

#238 - Custom quiet cul-de-sac home. Park walking trails. Beautiful hardwood floors. All bedrooms have custom details.



MODERN CONTEMP.

#323 - OAKLAND with larger lot. Emeryville. Features and more creative.

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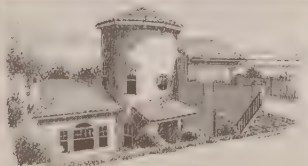
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FEATURED HOME  
OPEN SUNDAY

901 HILDALE AVENUE \$1,500,000

Berkeley. Beautifully built Mediterranean with view of G.G. & S.F. 5BD/4.5BA, great outside spaces, wonderful kitchen opens to family room with cathedral ceilings and skylights, guest suite & master suite.

Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295

FEATURED HOME  
OPEN SUNDAY

6829 ELVERTON DRIVE \$1,145,000

Montclair. New construction! Bay, Canyon Views! Gourmet kitchen eating area/family room. Luxurious master suite. Abundant use of stone, hardwood, and iron work. Unique stair tower with Mural by a local artist.

David Hennigan 531-7000 x229



2446 SAN JOSE AVENUE \$499,000

Alameda. Sweet cottage. Two bedroom, one bath with coved ceilings, hardwood floors, formal dining room, modernized kitchen and bath. Side yard. Ample basement storage.

Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218



877 SYBIL \$438,000

San Leandro. Welcome to this sparkling three bedroom, one bathroom ranch-style home with refinished hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, dining area, new tile and vinyl in bathroom and laundry room. Fresh paint in and out. Large level yard. Reports available.

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

555 10th STREET, #429 \$448,000

Downtown Oakland. Sophisticated 3BD/2BA in wonderful 1998 building, private unit with no shared walls, extra loft area - great for office or den, new paint and carpets, master suite, security parking, close to BART, shopping and restaurants!

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

360 VERNON STREET #316 \$170,000

Adams Point. Studio immaculate with sunny and bright views. Top floor unit overlooking the atrium and an updated kitchen. A built in Murphy Bed in the wall, plenty of closet space and additional storage.

Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

## LAND

BAY VIEW DOWN-SLOPE-SKYLINE BOULEVARD \$550,000

A Bay view so expansive it is confrontational! Easy-build down-slope in neighborhood of \$2 million homes. Financing may be available.

Gerald Cheney 531-7000 x287

ROCKRIDGE RARE OPPORTUNITY \$495,000

For bay view lot. Area of beautiful new construction. Foundation and utilities present.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

STUPENDOUS PRICE REDUCTION-SKYLINE/NORTHWOOD COURT \$350,000

Bay view downslope on Northwood Ct. Utilities are there & owner wants to sell before 2005. Was \$495K now \$350K. Financing may be available.

Gerald Cheney 531-7000 x287

BEHIND CLAREMONT HOTEL OFF CLAREMONT AVENUE \$330,000

Upslope lot with utilities accessible in street. Possible bay view.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

SMALL LOT BURSTING WITH FUN OPPORTUNITIES \$89,000

Level, small lot bursting with fun opportunities for creative architect or developer. Financing may be available.

Gerald Cheney 531-7000 x287

BERKELY HILLS \$25,000

Awesome bay view. 25X100 size. Utility access within the future. Hold for investment.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

## BY APPOINTMENT



INCREDIBLE SPACE

Glenview. A charming 2BD/2-BA bungalow with full bath and five non-conforming bonus rooms downstairs. You must see this and use your creativity and imagination as to how you will use this space. Seller will credit \$5K for repairs.

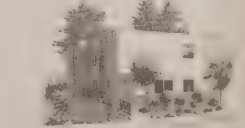
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



SUNNY TRADITIONAL

Maxwell Park. Charming 3BD/1BA. Living with view of hills, formal dining room, refinished hardwood floors, gorgeous new kitchen with granite & tile, updated tile bath, private yard, patio, great street.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



OAKLAND'S CHINA HILL

China Hill. Large 4-plex in great neighborhood near Lake Merritt. Two units are 3BD/2BA with fireplace, two are 2BD. Upgraded.

Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

MAGNIFICENT TRIPLEX

Adams Point. With original details. Built in 1930 & legally converted in 1943, this lovely home will enchant you with architectural details, careful maintenance. Incredible street view, parking. Patio/garden waiting to happen.

Carol Robbiano 531-7006 x292

# Sales

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1118 Fontana Dr - \$515,000  
21 Gonsalves Ct - \$1,300,000  
400 Hollister Av - \$682,000  
431 Hollister Av - \$713,500  
1188 Old Alameda - \$641,000  
430 Pacific Av - \$575,000  
981 Park St - \$522,000  
1830 Pearl St - \$550,000  
1 Ross Rd - \$800,000  
2101 Shoreline 471 - \$390,000  
990 Shorepoint 106 - \$405,000  
322 Tideway Dr - \$680,000  
2928 Windsor Dr - \$635,000

## ALBANY

617 Stannage Av - \$620,000

## BERKELEY

2623 Benvenue B - \$340,000  
1637 Berkeley Wy - \$550,000  
3090 Buena Vista - \$1,730,000  
2435 California St - \$610,000  
1865 Capistrano Av - \$831,000  
2713 Dana St - \$625,000  
1701 Delaware St - \$653,000  
2593 Hilgard Av - \$686,000  
1990 Marin Av - \$680,000  
1998 Marin Av - \$910,000  
1015 Middlefield - \$760,000  
710 Neilson St - \$899,000  
2416 Sacramento - \$507,000  
1608 Scenic Av - \$810,000  
3022 Shattuck Av - \$638,000

## EL CERRITO

6703 Blake St - \$800,000  
5914 Central Av - \$855,000  
921 Pomona Av - \$655,500  
241 Ramona Av - \$625,000  
1512 Richmond St - \$402,000  
150 San Carlos Av - \$630,000  
2225 Spyglass Ln - \$830,000

## EL SOBRANTE

870 Allview Av - \$459,000  
909 Apian Wy - \$380,000  
565 El Cerro Dr - \$415,000  
4051 Garden Rd - \$550,000  
423 Joan Vista St - \$222,500  
3834 La Cresenta Rd - \$320,000  
4076 Lambert Rd - \$395,000

## EMERYVILLE

2 Anchor Dr F289 - \$205,500

## KENSINGTON

262 Colgate Av - \$696,000  
97 Highland Bl - \$740,000

## OAKLAND

2011 103rd Av - \$368,000  
2018 11th Av - \$375,000

2719 21st Av - \$392,000  
3060 22nd Av - \$510,000  
543 30th St - \$441,500  
2621 35th Av - \$360,000  
1214 40th Av - \$300,000  
842 40th St - \$450,000  
2017 41st Av 3 - \$480,000  
666 46th St - \$315,000  
967 46th St - \$318,000  
1054 56th St - \$416,000  
1257 60th Av - \$300,000

517 61st St - \$520,000  
1307 63rd Av - \$160,000  
2944 68th Av - \$380,000  
1851 70th Av - \$290,000  
2914 73rd Av - \$310,000  
1230 75th Av - \$305,000  
1484 76th Av - \$268,000  
1254 79th Av - \$325,000  
1479 81st Av - \$326,000  
1621 81st Av - \$235,000  
2069 85th Av - \$352,000

1950 86th Av - \$340,000  
1015 87th Av - \$350,000  
1772 8th St - \$325,000  
2124 9th Av - \$310,000  
1845 9th Av - \$472,000  
9515 A St - \$365,000  
3968 Altamont Av - \$485,000  
10719 Apricot St - \$295,000  
975 Arlington Av - \$423,000  
7215 Arthur St - \$440,000  
826 Athens Av - \$310,000

127 Bayo Vista 308 - \$295,000  
565 Bellevue Av 906 - \$515,000  
5292 Belvedere St - \$440,000  
9411 Birch St - \$415,000  
6929 Bristol Dr - \$340,000  
6205 Bromley Av - \$315,000  
3938 Burckhalter Av - \$455,000  
4646 Camden St - \$485,000  
1055 Clarendon Cr - \$1,000,000  
9712 D St - \$397,000  
2525 East 11th St - \$245,000

5722 East 15th St - \$375,000  
630 East 15th St - \$670,000  
2750 East 21st St - \$334,000  
2514 East 22nd St - \$400,000  
2700 East 23rd St - \$430,000  
2010 East 25th St - \$323,000  
2120 East 30th St - \$440,000  
480 East 42nd St - \$423,000  
3441 Encina Wy - \$670,000

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## 6663 Thornhill Dr., Oakland By Appointment

Quality new construction! 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, architect-designed contemp. craftsman in a serene live oak setting. Attention to detail, using natural materials, gives it charm & durability. Gorgeous double volume living room. Much thought given to creating privacy with decks on every level. Minutes to Montclair Village & freeway.

Norah Brower 524-9888 x26 \$1,195,000



## 525 Jackson #B, Albany By Appointment

New Listing! Light-filled Albany Hill, 2-level condo w/views of Berkeley hills during the day and city lights at night. Open floor plan w/beece flooring, skylights, decks, living room w/fireplace, much more! 2 bdrms, 2 baths.

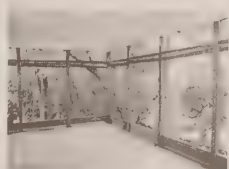
Terese Ashman 524-9888 x11, \$415,000



## 525 Colusa, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Price! This spacious, well-maintained Mediterranean-style home offers 4 bdrms, 2 baths plus full 1 bdrm, 1 bath au pair on a deep 7500 sq. ft. landscaped lot. Set back from the street behind acacia, oak trees, & large boulder, this Thousand Oaks home offers a Bay view while being only minutes from Solano Ave. shops and restaurants.

Jane Allen 524-9888 x23, \$890,000



## 1730 Highland Pl. #1, Albany By Appointment

New Listing! 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom unit in the desirable North Berkeley Oakrops complex. Hwd floors, fireplace in living room, and floor-to-ceiling windows which provide wonderful light and a wooded outlook. Just blocks from the U.C. Berkeley campus and the Euclid Ave. shops and cafes.

Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12 \$364,000



## 22 Lenox, Kensington Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Best Buy! Spacious and comfortable home: 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, living room w/fireplace and random plank floors. Kitchen with wood cabinets and family room off kitchen. There is also a large rumpus room and half-bath downstairs with entry to 2-car garage.

Gay and Kay 524-9888 x51, \$595,000

## 905 Pierce, Albany Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! Wanted: new owners for sweet 2-bdrm home. Freshly painted inside, floors waxed, windows washed sparkling clean. Big country kitchen with Mexican tile floor has room for table & chairs & stacking washer/dryer. Glass doors open to bkdy, patio & upper terrace. Hardwood floors, dual-pane windows.

Jean Anka 524-9888 x16

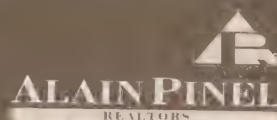
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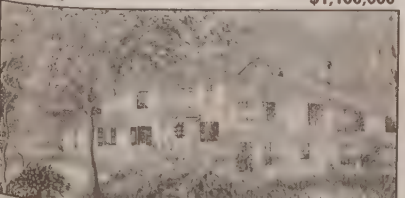
\$1,450,000



**SANDERS RANCH TRADITIONAL.** 4 bedrooms plus bonus room. Beautiful updated kitchen and master bath. Lovely decor and private backyard with fenced pool. Not to be missed. No trick, this home is a treat!

## ORINDA

\$1,100,000



**PREMIER ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB LOT.** Rare 0.87+- acre view lot with approved plans to build a Spanish-Contemporary 5bd/3+ba home with spacious FR, eat-in kitchen with island. Possible guest house.

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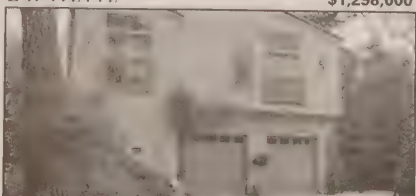
\$2,295,000



**NEW CONSTRUCTION.** New custom home on 4.0+- acres with 5 spacious bedrooms, a gourmet kitchen and family room combo, elegant master suite, great views and a large yard.

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\$1,298,000



**IN A TOTALLY WOODED SETTING.** The floor plan takes advantage of the hillside landscape, making it a beautiful place to eat outdoors. There is an iron gated entry and railing to the front door.

## OAKLAND

\$998,000



**NOT TO BE MISSED.** Very private and serene setting on 0.42+-ac in the heart of the Crocker Highlands district with it's own private gate. This home has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, family room and 2-car garage.

## ORINDA

\$1,950,000



**CUSTOM MEDITERRANEAN ESTATE.** Beautiful property with 4 bedrooms and 4.5 baths, situated on nearly 5.5 acres. The home is an architectural masterpiece and an entertainer's dream.

## LAFAYETTE

\$1,249,000



**DISCOVER YOUR SERENITY.** Beyond the spacious guest house and sparkling pool lies a quiet hillside estate among the oaks. 4bd/3ba, 0.9+- acres. Miles of views and a world of privacy.

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928 Franklin St 426 - \$312,000  
 9946 Gibraltar Rd - \$305,000  
 1112 Glendora Av - \$637,000  
 3674 Green Acre Rd - \$635,000  
 6850 Gunn Dr - \$826,000  
 51 Hamilton Pl - \$572,000  
 7624 Hamilton St - \$241,500  
 6151 Harwood Av - \$930,000  
 7867 Hillside St - \$360,000  
 1053 Hubert Rd - \$1,270,000  
 1830 Lakeshore 404 - \$480,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 1011 - \$658,500  
 1 Lakeside Dr 1501 - \$365,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 408 - \$323,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 420 - \$543,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 511 - \$438,000  
 1 Lakeside Dr 602 - \$580,000  
 3828 Linwood Av - \$666,000  
 3265 Louise St - \$375,000  
 4454 MacArthur Bl - \$350,000  
 1428 Madison St 208 - \$167,000  
 3417 MLK Jr Wy - \$544,000  
 2854 Modesto Av - \$470,000  
 323 Monte Vista 107 - \$415,000  
 2830 Morgan Av - \$425,000  
 8629 Mountain Bl 51 - \$286,500  
 7618 Ney Av - \$268,000  
 4075 Norton Av - \$705,000  
 311 Oak St 522 - \$450,000  
 245 Oakland Av - \$549,000  
 6500 Outlook Av - \$550,000  
 9062 Palmar Ct - \$304,500  
 3487 Paxton Av - \$695,000  
 3915 Penniman Av - \$425,000  
 4134 Penniman Av - \$350,000  
 350 Perkins St 307 - \$351,000  
 10544 Pippin St - \$265,000  
 9630 Plymouth St - \$640,000  
 2690 Ritchie St - \$376,000  
 10945 Robledo Dr - \$350,000  
 6075 Romany Rd - \$1,000,000  
 549 Rosal Av - \$751,000  
 2557 Scenic Av - \$575,000  
 4047 Sequoyah Rd - \$675,000  
 1 Sheridan Rd - \$825,000  
 10544 Stella St - \$420,000  
 7544 Sterling Dr - \$360,000  
 344 Stoneford Av - \$278,000  
 7936 Sunstark Dr - \$501,000  
 10920 Sunnyside - \$400,000  
 2407 Telegraph 206 - \$240,000  
 2407 Telegraph 309 - \$260,000  
 2407 Telegraph 405 - \$330,000

2407 Telegraph 407 - \$305,000  
 2407 Telegraph 508 - \$359,000  
 23 Town Square Pl - \$325,000  
 3658 Virden Av - \$600,000  
 3738 Virden Av - \$600,000  
 1432 Wellington St - \$775,000  
 288 Whitmore 206 - \$242,000  
 1767 Woodhaven Wy - \$875,000  
 1833 Woodhaven Wy - \$738,000  
 811 York St 235 - \$275,000

## PIEDMONT

140 Arbor Dr - \$785,000  
 8 Manor Dr - \$1,385,000

## RICHMOND

566 24th St - \$372,000  
 183 2nd St - \$330,000  
 656 30th St - \$403,000  
 859 33rd St - \$445,000  
 635 35th St - \$450,000  
 637 41st St - \$440,000  
 212 6th St - \$369,000  
 574 6th St - \$319,000  
 735 7th St - \$270,000  
 726 9th St - \$260,000  
 1407 Coalina Av - \$604,000  
 5028 Esmond Av - \$374,000  
 3425 Garvin Av - \$380,000  
 339 Gertrude Av - \$190,000  
 636 Golden Gate Av - \$449,000  
 1231 Greenway Dr - \$465,000  
 300 Hawk Ridge Dr - \$612,000  
 302 Hawk Ridge Dr - \$709,500

805 Johnson Dr - \$246,000  
 457 L Dr - \$720,000  
 2521 Lowell Av - \$348,000  
 716 Maple Av - \$325,000  
 2737 McBryde Av - \$348,000  
 1553 Monterey St - \$410,000  
 3631 Morningside - \$650,000  
 3511 Nevin Av - \$355,000  
 5225 Nevin Av - \$610,000  
 3018 O'Brien Rd - \$445,000  
 2728 Oxford Av - \$280,000  
 2941 Oxford Av - \$530,000  
 5824 Panama Av - \$385,000  
 4 Park Ln - \$290,000

820 Pennsylvania - \$335,000  
 629 Rock Rose - \$730,000  
 1517 San Joaquin St - \$350,000  
 240 Sanford Av - \$395,000  
 2207 Sea Shell Dr - \$345,000  
 2911 Shane Dr - \$440,000  
 1676 Shasta St - \$399,000  
 422 South 15th St - \$284,000  
 141 South 18th St - \$315,000  
 227 South 8th St - \$340,000  
 2552 Treasider Wy - \$384,500  
 4502 Valley View Rd - \$435,000  
 67 Vine Av - \$485,000  
 3800 Waller Av - \$650,000

1532 West Chanslor - \$129,000

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139 Accolade Dr - \$555,000  
 308 Accolade Dr - \$568,000  
 2171 Altamont Rd - \$480,000  
 2197 Altamont Rd - \$470,000  
 15678 Atlantus Av - \$650,000  
 2252 Belvedere Av - \$350,000

995 Bridge Rd - \$500,000  
 16805 Carriage Ln - \$320,000  
 3682 Carrillo Dr - \$465,000  
 493 Cascade Rd - \$405,000  
 1734 Cedar Av - \$495,000  
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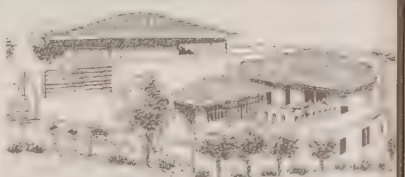
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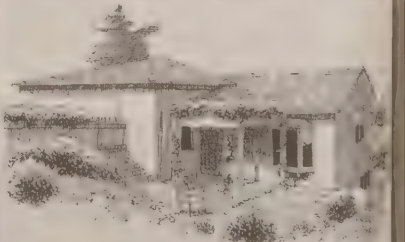
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**ALAMOGORDO**

TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$390,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,300,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$628,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$633,457

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TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$620,000

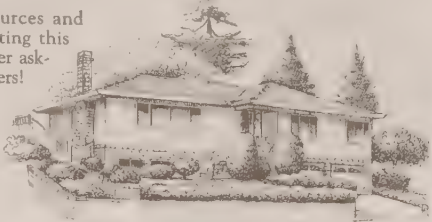
**BERKELEY**

TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,730,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$680,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$748,533

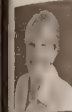
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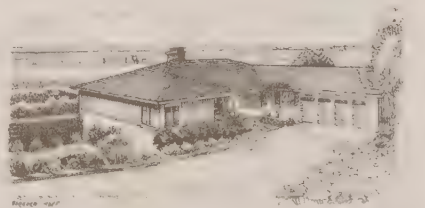
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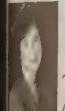
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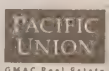
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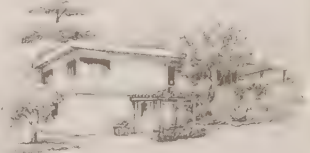
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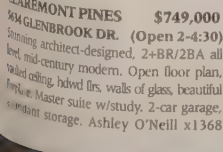
**OAKMORE \$1,475,000**  
**2228 LEIMERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)**  
New Listing! Phil Perkins designed, ultra-sophisticated, 2-year old SF/bay view Contemporary. 5BR/4.5BA architectural masterpiece. Soaring spaces, glass/stainless details, wood & inlaid stone floors. Great kitchen/dining room. Unique! Steven Biasatti x1379



**MONTCLAIR \$995,000**  
**4613 FORESTLAND WY. (Open 2-4:30)**  
Dramatic 4+BR/3BA Mediterranean style home built in 2001. Wonderful formal dining room, kitchen/family room combination and deck for easy living and indoor/outdoor entertaining. Dick Olson x1308



**MONTCLAIR \$929,000**  
**5925 WESTOVER DR. (Open 2-4:30)**  
New Listing! Impressive views, private outdoor spaces, decks & hillside gardens. 3BR/2.5BA, den, kitchen/family room, formal dining, dramatic 2-story living room. Approx. 3900sf. Teri Carlisle x1305



**CLAREMONT PINES \$749,000**  
**304 GLENBROOK DR. (Open 2-4:30)**  
Stunning architect-designed, 2+BR/2BA all level, mid-century modern. Open floor plan, vaulted ceiling, hwd flrs, walls of glass, beautiful fireplace. Master suite w/study. 2-car garage, abundant storage. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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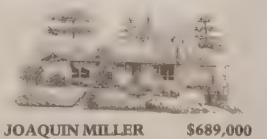


**BERKELEY \$718,000**  
**69 FLORIDA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)**  
New Listing! Lovely 3BR/2BA mid-century contemporary on a cul-de-sac in the North Berkeley hills. Open floor plan w/beamed ceilings, hwd flrs, walls of windows. FDR, garden patio. Donna DeBardi x1374

**MONTCLAIR \$699,000**  
**6954 BALSAM WAY (Open 2-4:30)**  
Tri-level Contemporary "treehouse" nestled in the hills. 3BR/2.5BA w/master on separate level. Eat-in kitchen. Living room w/beamed ceiling and fireplace. Jeanine Weller x1329



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$689,000**  
**5552 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30)**  
3BR/1.5BA on a large lot with hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen & 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303



**JOAQUIN MILLER \$689,000**  
**4985 HEDGE LN. (Open 2-4:30)**  
New Listing! 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, walls of glass leading to a secluded patio with built-in waterfall. Adjacent lot also available for \$149,000. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

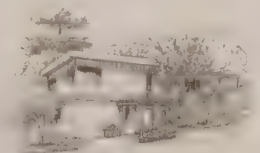
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**OAKLAND HILLS \$659,000**  
**13056 PARKHURST DR. (Open 2-5)**  
Wonderful, all-level home in Parkridge Estates. 3BR/2BA, updated kitchen, family room, & parklands view. Close to Parks & trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334

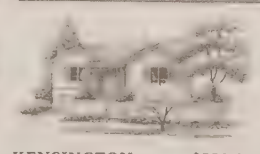


**SAN LEANDRO \$599,000**  
**502 BEVERLY AVE. (Open 1-4)**  
New Listing! 1927 beauty! Sunny 3BR/2BA w/formal dining, breakfast nook, pretty windows, hardwood floors, built-ins & 2-car garage. Approx. 1730 sq. ft. Michelle Miller x1335

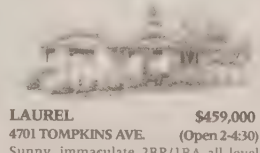


**LAUREL \$589,000**  
**4103 PATTERSON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)**  
Lovely 3BR/2BA home recently upgraded and remodeled. Bay views from living room, dining room & kitchen. Private woody rear yard. Great gardening opportunities. Lee Jacobson x1309

**Open Sunday**



**KENSINGTON \$559,000**  
**228 COLUMBIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)**  
Charming 2+BR/2BA 1938 Traditional w/gorgeous views. Plus room, fresh paint, refinished floors, living room w/cathedral ceiling, & great brick fireplace. Joan Dark x1316



**LAUREL \$429,000**  
**3052 DELAWARE ST. (Open 2-5)**  
Lovely spacious Victorian. Newly painted 4BR/2BA. Updated baths, master suite. Large backyard w/dog run. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**LAKE MERRITT \$305,000**  
**377 PALM AVE #105 (Open 2-4:30)**  
New Listing! Lovely 2BR/1BA condo with balcony. Serene "green" view. Close to shopping. Easy commute location. Joan E. Hause x1358

**By Appointment**

**BERKELEY \$2,950,000**  
Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373

**By Appointment**

**MONTCLAIR \$1,499,000**  
WORLD CLASS VIEWS from almost every room and terrace of this dramatic, glass wrapped 3900+ sq. ft. ridgetop Contemporary. 4+BR/4+BA. Gorgeous courtyard design, spectacular Bay Views! Fritz Hochfelner x1348



**GLENVIEW \$559,000**  
Glenview duplex vacant and ready for new owners. One 1BR/1BA, the other 2BR/1.25BA. Large backyard. Newly painted inside and out. Major fixer. Kathy Flynn x1317

**OAKLAND HILLS LOT \$490,000**  
Approximately 1/2 acre in beautiful Hillcrest Estates. Gentle upslope corner lot w/potential bay view in a developed area of lovely homes. Debi Fitzgerald x1306


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**PIEDMONT price upon request**  
Extraordinary 4BR/3BA home w/ultimate privacy & unobstructed sweeping views of SF, the bay & GG Bridge. Wonderful outdoor space w/deck, patio & gardens. Den, family room. Teri Carlisle x1305



**RIDGEMONT price upon request**  
Commanding SF/GG view! Sophisticated 4BR/3BA home on quiet cul-de-sac. Large level yard, updated eat-in kitchen, spacious family room. First floor bedroom & bath. Robyn Mohr x1310



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14382 OUTRIGGER DRIVE  
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**14652 OUTRIGGER DRIVE**  
2 bdrm, 2 bath upper unit at Marina Seagate Vaulted ceilings, parquet floors, brand new carpeting, freshly painted SOLD \$350,000



**15639 ANCHORAGE AVE.**  
Bright, beautiful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home at Heron Bay SOLD \$585,000

**CASTRO VALLEY**  
4419 EWING RD. GORGEOUS 3500 sq ft single level home in Parsons Estates, addition completed in 1992. Huge formal dining & living rooms, great room w/full bar & custom cabinets. Large bedrooms, marble master bathroom. Jacuzzi tub 3 fireplaces, A/C, wood plantation shutters, dual pane windows, hardwood floors, central vac surround sound, 2 car garage, 2 covered spaces 4 bdrms, 3.5 baths "Near Parson Park, back entrance to Lake Chabot, Chabot Swim & Recreation Center, In the Proctor School District PENDING \$688,000

**ALAMEDA**  
2610 BAYVIEW DRIVE  
Enchanting view of the bay from this rare single level home! 3 bdrms, 2 baths with hardwood floors, Norich tankless water heater SOLD \$618,000

**2017 EAGLE AVE.**  
Outstanding elegant duplex, built in 1989. Great opportunity for owner/investor SOLD \$799,000

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**5915 Colby St., Oakland**  
Originally offered at \$530,000. Sold w/8 offers!



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**BERKELEY**

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3BR, 1.5BA downstairs workshop, full finished basement, close to 4th St. #40043709  
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**INVEST IN OAKLAND!** **\$265,000**  
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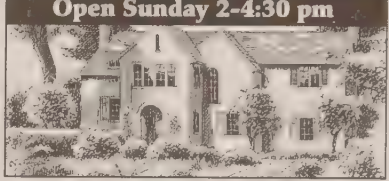
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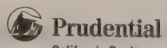
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**1779 Tulare Avenue, Richmond View**

# Sales

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**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$402,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$855,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$655,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$685,357

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$222,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$395,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$391,643

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$205,500

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$696,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$740,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$718,000

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 118

LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,270,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$397,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$446,953

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$785,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,385,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,085,000

**RICHMOND**  
TOTAL SALES: 47  
LOWEST PRICE: \$129,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$384,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$412,766

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 37  
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$695,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$480,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$479,919

**SAN LORENZO**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$384,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000

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## FEATURED HOMES



**Sunday 2-4** \$769,000  
91 Ramona, Piedmont. Gleaming 3BR/2BA. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, garage, basement.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$729,000  
524 Woodmont, Berkeley. Handsome contemporary 4BR/2BA next to Tilden Park.  
Janet Kaplan (510) 868-1478



**Sunday 2-5** \$665,000  
3941 Whittle, Oakland. 4BR/2+BA. Quality remodel, special, 3 decks + lawn.  
Lois Harris (510) 834-2010



**Sunday 2-5** \$629,000  
1636 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. Victorian duplex house + cottage, golden!  
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**Sunday 11-5** \$579,000  
2903 Wheeler, Berkeley. Historic 2BR/1.5BA, 2-story Berkeley charmer. First open.  
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### Oakland

**Gated Masterpiece** \$4,500,000  
Opulent! 11,000 sq. ft., 5-bridge views, 6+BR/6+BA. Home theatre & gym.  
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**Sunday 2-4** \$1,100,000  
256 3rd St., #312. Great penthouse, 3BR/2BA, 15 min. to downtown SF.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$955,000  
4857 Proctor. Great price on flexible 3BR/2.5BA floorplan w/views.  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$759,000  
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**Prairie Craftsman** \$669,000  
On Piedmont border. 3+BR/1+BA, 2191 sq. ft., great yard, sandstone fireplace.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$649,000  
2808 Carsbrook. Very nice 50's 3BR/2BA. Montclair contemporary.  
Howard Converse (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$529,000  
268 Orange Street. Spanish Mediterranean 3BR/1BA beauty. First open!  
Mary Dresser (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$489,000  
2877 Morcom. 3BR/2BA Craftsman beauty with master suite.  
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### Oakland

**Great Bay + City View** \$485,000  
Huge redwood deck, hardwood floors, fireplace, huge landscaped backyard, 2BR/1BA.  
Desiray R. McFall (510) 909-6871

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$419,000  
4101 Howe #110. Stunning 2BR/1BA condo w/new kitchen.  
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**Sunday 2-4** \$299,000  
3822 39th Ave. Unit E. 2BR/2.5BA, 2 story condo, yard, laundry. Nice!  
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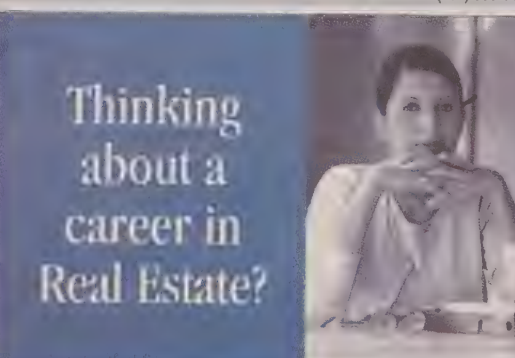
### Berkeley/Albany

**Sunday 1-4** \$639,000  
1151 Garfield Ave., Albany. Gorgeous remodeled home w/5000 sq. ft. lot.  
Anna Li (510) 527-9800

**Sunday 2-5** \$549,000  
2815 Park St., Berkeley. Large 3BR/1BA, bonus room, updated bath, fireplace, breakfast nook.  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$499,000  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$499,000  
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**Sunday 2-4** \$499,000  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$489,000  
1779 Tulare Ave. Charming 3BR/2BA, bonus room, hardwood, fireplace, yard.  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$1,450,000  
2142 Sacramento, Berkeley. Well maintained 10-plex consisting of an 8-plex and 2 houses close to N. Berkeley BART, Andronicos & minutes to Berkeley campus, Shattuck, Solano & 4th Street's shopping districts.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$2,395,000  
5895 Grizzly Peak, Oakland. Spectacular 4+BR/3.5BA, extraordinary 4500 sq. ft., new construction.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,199,000  
6167 Ocean View, Oakland. Stately 4BR/2.5BA in fashionable neighborhood.  
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### Residential Income

**Sunday 2-4** \$495,000  
1062 55th Street, Oakland. Duplex plus much more. Extra unit, Emeryville.  
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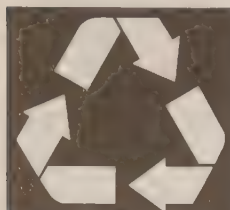
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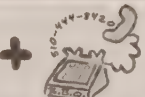
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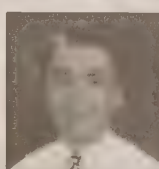


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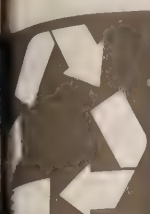
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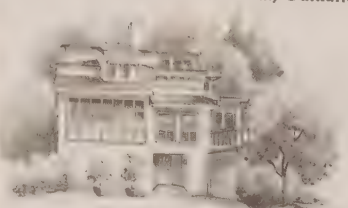
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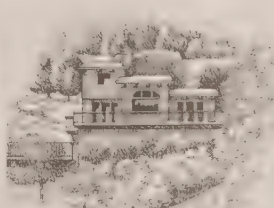
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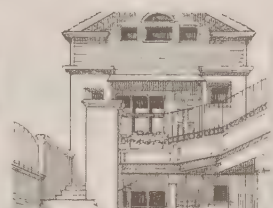
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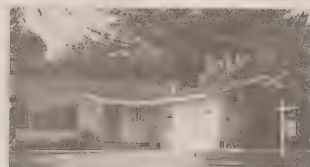
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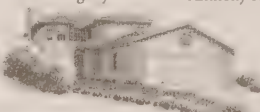


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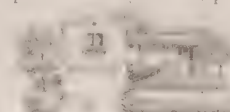


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\$799,000

Betrina Balestrieri



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Exceptional Arts & Crafts home. Exquisite architectural details. Lovely woodwork, built-ins & leaded windows. Especially large rooms, huge basement & lovely private gardens. 3BR/1.5BA.

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### 335 GRAVATT DRIVE

Views, space and charm. A little villa just above the Claremont Hotel and Resort! 5+ BR/4BA, including an in-law unit with separate entry, family room, office and more.

\$1,795,000

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### 1379 GRIZZLY PEAK

Smart and stylish remodel. Gourmet kitchen w/Wolf range, granite & tile. Formal dining room. Living room w/fireplace. Master suite opens to garden. Stone dining terrace w/built-in BBQ. View.

\$849,000

Carolyn Jones

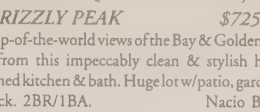


### 1235-39 EVELYN AVENUE

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\$971,000

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### 701 GRIZZLY PEAK

Enjoy top-of-the-world views of the Bay & Golden Gate Bridge from this impeccably clean & stylish home. Redesigned kitchen & bath. Huge lot w/patio, garden & view deck. 2BR/1BA.

\$725,000

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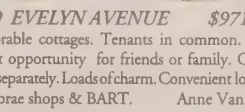


### 2405 ACTON STREET

A terrific split level in the heart of Berkeley. 3BR/1BA, plenty of light, lovely garden w/lawn & fruit trees. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, glass block and more.

\$525,000

Lori Lombardo



### 1450 KAINS AVENUE

Appealing Westbrae Bungalow. Fixer w/1920's craftsman detail - built-ins, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen. Good floor plan. Large lot. Detached garage. New roof 2002. 2BR/1BA.

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Helene Barkin

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OAKLAND. Million dollar views from this sophisticated contemporary high in the Claremont hills. Gracious terraces open to the view & overlook the Mediterranean garden. 3BR/3.5BA + library. Spectacular!

Elizabeth Dickson

BEYOND PARADISE! \$1,295,000

OAKLAND. A dramatic home at the top of Montclair. Lovely arched windows showcase the spectacular view of the Golden Gate bridge. Elegant master suite & kitchen w/family room.

Erika Celestre

HISTORIC GEM \$1,250,000

BERKELEY. An historic home on level double lot in coveted location! Beautiful redwood detail, three fireplaces, 3BR/3BA. A very rare opportunity for restoring a North Berkeley gem!

Bebe McRae



### BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

OAKLAND. Janzen design built in 2003. South Bay view, family room with fireplace off the fabulous kitchen, formal dining room, luxurious master bath. Great outdoor spaces & special finishes.

\$1,250,000

Debra J. Dryden

DISTINCTIVE! \$1,150,000

OAKLAND. Distinctive contemporary with sparkling Bay views. Elegant 4BR/3.5BA, family room off kitchen level out to patio and rear garden. Spectacular master bedroom & bath. Wine cellar.

Debra Dryden

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OAKLAND. Sunfilled & wonderful Crocker Highlands traditional boasts classic features, formal rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, 3BR with family room, 2.5BA and updated kitchen. Move in condition.

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\$549,000	552 Centre Court	2BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm Windermere Real Estate Peter Fletcher
\$559,000	831 Santa Clara Ave	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Jane Friedrich
\$565,000	1400 Sherman St	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4 510-522-4449 Gallagher & Lindsey Kelko McDonah
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\$615,000	1283 Weber St	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4 Edge/ Gold Coast 510-748-5300 The Homes-Link Team
\$649,000	1310 Crown Dr	3BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty Denise Garvine
\$650,000	640 Pacific Ave	2 units	Sun 2-4 510-814-4837 Harbor Bay Realty Rich Powell
\$679,000	1707 Eagle Ave	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4884/814-4872 Harbor Bay Realty Izabella Lipetski/Ginger Schuler
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\$869,000	2016 San Antonio Ave	5BD/3.5BA	Sun 2-4:30 510-748-1133 Gallagher & Lindsey Stephanie Neher
\$869,000	2865 Santa Clara Ave	5BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4832 Harbor Bay Realty Danla Alvarez-Morroni
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\$925,000	1957 Kofman Parkway	5BD/3BA	Sun 2-4 510-814-4711/814-4836 Harbor Bay Realty Judy Jacobs/Nina Quan
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\$439,000	2714 Wallace St	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker 510-486-1495 Maura Allen
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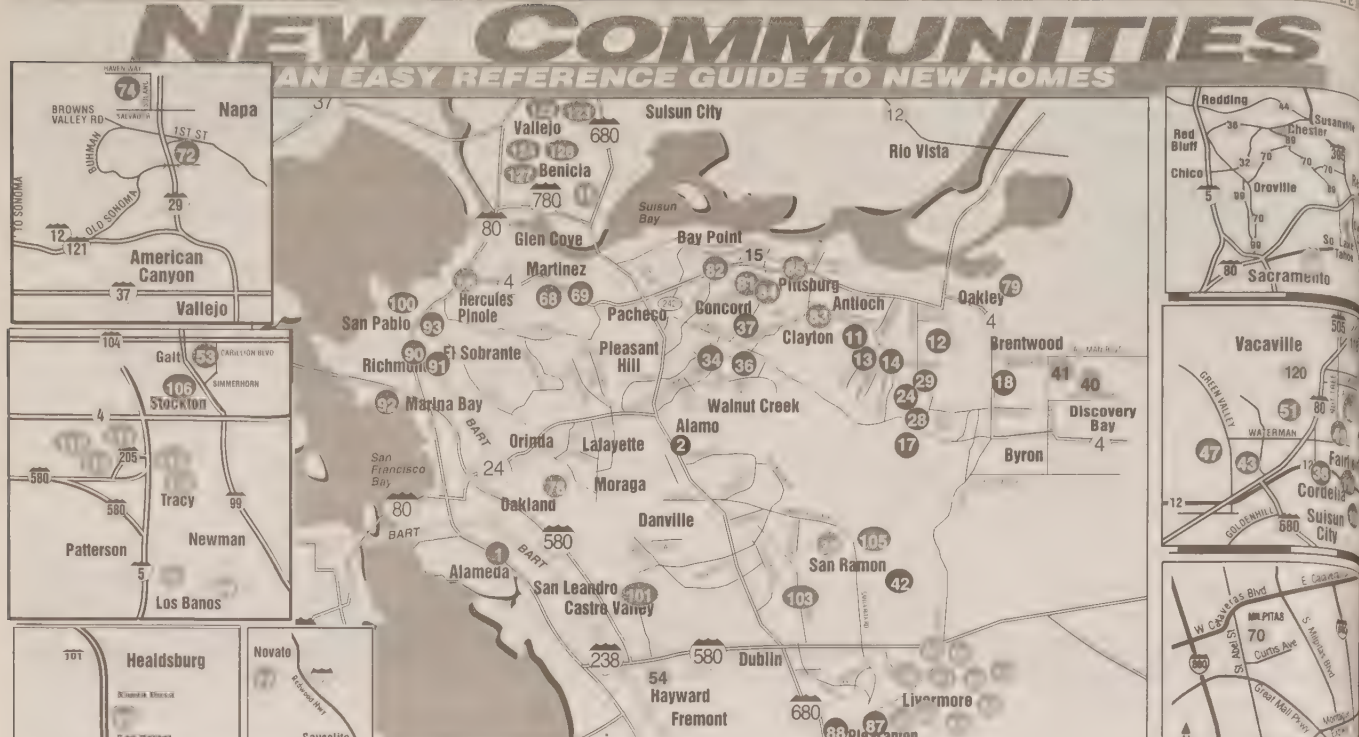
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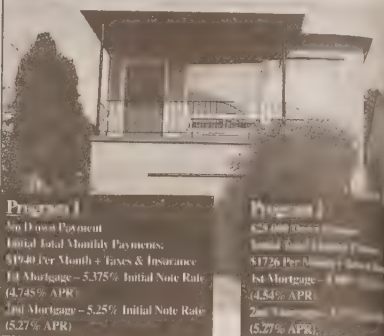
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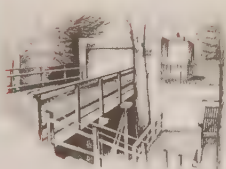
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# Alameda edges out Berkeley



KADHJA BONET helped Berkeley to a second-place finish at the ACCAL championship cross country meet.

■ Yellow Jackets' Bonet takes first among individual runners; Hornets make it a sweep by capturing boys cross country division

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

Getting a fast start at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championship meet Wednesday turned out to be a winning strategy.

Berkeley High School's Kadhja Bonet started strong, and ended up winning the three-mile girls race at Point Pinole Regional Park in Richmond.

Bonet, a junior transfer from The Branson School-Ross, held a lead of a few yards approximately 600 yards into the race and eventually lengthened it out. She finished in 19 minutes, 4 seconds, and teammate Kara Anderson was second in 19:15.

"It was a nice course. I like it," Bonet said. "I just got out in the beginning and stuck it. There was a nice downhill at the beginning."

The Alameda girls team also had a fast start and Hornet individuals took third through seventh to win the team title. The Hornets had a winning score of 25, seven lower than Berkeley.

Alameda's Arran Rogerson led approximately 300 yards into the boys race and took first in 16:02, leading a sweep of the first six places by Hornet runners. Alameda's boys finished with a perfect score of 15. Berkeley's top finisher was Tony Williams in seventh place (17:06).

Both Bonet and Rogerson won both ACCAL Invationals this season in addition to Wednesday's championship races.

The girls race started approximately 10 minutes after the boys race started to try to avoid more inclement weather. There was little rain during both varsity races.

"We got a little thunder earlier. We wanted to avoid that," meet director Robert Parks said.

## PREP ROUNDUP

### GIRLS TENNIS

**BSAL championships:** Two local doubles teams reached the semifinals Wednesday at the Harbor Bay Isle Club in Alameda.

In the semifinals, Albany's team of Mary Sung and Clarissa Mark lost to Piedmont's Chelsea Wick and Nancy Weickhardt 6-4, 6-0. St. Mary's Reika McCracken and Alexandra Schepis fell to Piedmont's Carly Lee and Olivia Stutz 6-3, 6-1. Lee and Stutz eventually won the championship.

St. Patrick High School-Vallejo senior Erin Young won her fourth Bay Shore Athletic League championship with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Piedmont's Mary Ann Kao.

Young, who is headed to St. Mary's College next year, went 58-0 in league matches (including BSAL tournament championships) over her high school career and did not lose a single set in league play.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**St. Mary's d. Piedmont:** Tarah Murrey had nine kills and Britney Murrey passed for 10 assists as the host Panthers completed an undefeated BSAL regular season Tuesday with a 25-6, 25-16, 25-20 win.

Bridget Leary added five kills and Natalie Bogan served four aces for the Panthers (25-9, 13-0).

Piedmont dropped to 7-5 in the BSAL.

**Albany d. Salesian:** The Cougars improved to 11-1 in the BSAL with a 24-26, 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 victory over Salesian on Tuesday.

Azelyn Failor had 12 kills and 17 digs for Albany (15-13). Teammate Sacha Dent added 31 assists and nine digs, and Albany's Arlene Sasse had 10 kills, two aces and 33 digs.

Albany finished the BSAL regular season with a 12-1 league record after a forfeit win over Kennedy.

Staff writers Dave Carpenter and Mike McGreehan contributed to this roundup.

## FISHING REPORT

### PACIFIC OCEAN

With less than two weeks remaining in the ocean salmon season, there is still plenty of action to be had as boaters fish off the Marin County coast. Out of Emeryville on Monday, the New Salmon Queen reported in with 12 salmon to 34 pounds for its 11 anglers aboard. On Tuesday the New Salmon Queen had 12 salmon to 15 pounds for its 16 anglers aboard. Salmon up to 43 pounds have been taken in the last week. All boats are trolling in the Duxbury Reef area. The last day of salmon fishing is Nov. 14.

### THE BAYS

**SUISUN:** The staff at Martinez Bait and Tackle reported very good fishing this week. Many sturgeon were caught with grass shrimp, ghost shrimp, salmon roe, pile worms and eel in 25-35 feet of water. The big fish were biting on incoming and outgoing tides in the Mothball Fleet area. Stripers action was better in boat accessible shallows. Some are being caught from the Martinez shore and the Martinez pier. Bullheads are still favored in 5-15 feet of water.

Catching sturgeon were Mike Griffin (71.5 inches, 81 pounds), Don Turner (65 inches, 78 pounds), Sal DiMercurio (63 inches, 56.6 pounds), Robert Gibbons of Danville (56 inches, 34 pounds), Rich Souppan of Sacramento (72 inches, 78.3 pounds), Joseph Fraga of San Pablo (65 inches, 69.1 pounds) and Hal Tatro of Martinez (57 inches, 40 pounds). Others included Mike Mirocovich of Pleasanton (73.5 inches, 103 pounds, released), Tyler Kelly of Martinez (60 inches, 60 pounds), Janette Zarifkar of Pleasanton (64.5 inches, 58 pounds), Rob Clements of Bay Point (58 inches, 54 pounds) and Steven Wright of Pleasant Hill (70 inches, 76.4 pounds).

Jack Collier of Richmond caught a limit of bass at the second row totaling 53.5 inches on bullheads. Also catching strippers were Jack Farley of Pittsburg (33.5 pounds, 44 inches), Jerome Perrey of Hercules (28.5 inches, 10 pounds) and Greg Dimitriou of Albany (42 inches, 27.7 pounds). Richard Bandy of Tracy caught his limit of bass totaling 51 inches, and Dave Pellegrini of Concord caught an 18-pounder.

Tony Lopez of McAvoy's Bait in Pittsburg said fishing was very good last week at places such as Chain Island, Middle Ground and

## Late surge makes all the difference in Berkeley win

■ Yellow Jackets defense comes up big in victory over Hornets; Okada sparks El Cerrito

By Pete Elman  
CORRESPONDENT

Led by a smothering defense and Antoine Cokes' 216 yards rushing, Berkeley High School prevailed over host Alameda 20-7 in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game Friday night.

The Hornets (5-3, 3-2 ACCAL) led 7-6 until halfway through the fourth quarter when Berkeley (6-2, 4-1) broke through to take the lead.

The Yellow Jackets' Lucas Fogarty scored from the 2 on a quarterback sneak. Fogarty then completed a pass to Frederick Sanders on the two-point conversion try that gave Berkeley a 14-7 lead with 6:14 remaining in the game.

Alameda had one more chance, but Berkeley linebacker Daniel Aguilar picked off a John Perez pass and ran it back to the Hornets 9. Two plays later, Cokes scored on a 9-yard run to ice the game.

## FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

The Yellow Jackets struck first on 69-yard jaunt by Cokes in the first period, but the Hornets came back on a 26-yard slant pass from Perez to Alem Gebreyesus in the second period to make the score 7-6.

After trading possessions, Berkeley had first-and-goal from the 6-yard line with the half winding down, but two sacks by the Hornets defense stopped that drive.

Alameda, which piled up 398 rushing yards last week against Hercules, could not get untracked offensively, while Berkeley's bigger offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage in the second half.

**El Cerrito 27, Encinal 7:** The Gauchos needed a spark in the third quarter of a tied ACCAL game with visiting Encinal on Friday.

Jonathan Okada provided it. On a fourth-and-one play from the Encinal 28, the senior running back turned a dive play into a bruising 28-yard touchdown run to give the Gauchos the lead for good. El Cerrito scored two more touchdowns in



BERKELEY QUARTERBACK Lucas Fogarty (10) is met by Alameda defender Darnell Chapman while trying to get a pass off.

the quarter to cap the victory. "The O-line did some great blocking," Okada said. "We just wanted to come out this week and show everyone that we're here to play."

"I told the team we had to step it up. I try to lead by example."

The game was tied 7-7 at halftime. El Cerrito (5-3, 4-1 ACCAL) started its first possession of the second half on the Encinal 37 after a punt return by JoElbert Dennis and an Encinal penalty, but advanced just 9 yards on

three plays.

Then then ran up the middle, banging off tacklers on his way to the end zone with 7:59 left in the third quarter. The Gauchos proceeded to also score touchdowns on their next two possessions.

After a 28-yard punt return, Dennis cut right, then left and sprinted down the left sideline for a 61-yard touchdown run. El Cerrito's Justin Plair then recovered

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## St. Mary's eyes league volleyball tournament

■ The top-seeded Panthers expect to play No. 2 Albany in the championship match

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

**NO. 1 SEED** for the St. Mary's High School girls volleyball team in next week's Bay Shore Athletic League championship tourna-

## BSAL NOTEBOOK

ment means the Panthers will have a first round bye.

Not that that matters too much to St. Mary's coach Jon Segall.

"I don't think it's a big deal," he said. "We've expected that all year long. We've been undefeated all season. ... I'd rather play sooner than later."

The Panthers (25-9) cleaned house in the BSAL with a perfect 13-0 mark.

They and No. 2 seed Albany (12-1) will watch when the tournament begins Tuesday at 7 p.m. The higher seeds host.

The tournament includes six teams, with the top two seeds playing the winners in the semifinals. St. Mary's will play the lowest seed remaining.

Segall expects the higher

seeds to advance and his Panthers to be in the championship match.

"I think Albany is the team we'll be playing," he said. "I think it will come down to us and Albany. The other teams are good. There's a lot of talent out there. But Albany has too much going for it."

"It will be a good tournament."

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## ACCAL NOTEBOOK

### Hornets want to pay tribute to White

Alameda hopes to name tennis court for coach who died in October at age 66

By Robert Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

**PAST WEEK** was an emotional one for the Alameda High School tennis program.

At one end, the Hornets celebrated their first undefeated season in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League under coach Glen Oetman with a 7-0 victory over Berkeley on Thursday.

A day earlier, Alameda held a memorial for Les White, a longtime staple of the Hornets program who died on Oct. 19 at the age of 66.

"There's no doubt that for 10 years he had an impact on the program," said Oetman, who coached with White for the last five years. "He would have kids that had no experience and make them into tennis players that wanted to get better."

White was known for spending hours during the summer on the courts — especially the single court just north of the main complex — tutoring anyone who wanted to learn or improve their game.

"His life was tennis," said Oetman. "It wasn't just Alameda which was the beneficiary. He would arrange lessons with kids in the community that may or may not come here."

For that reason, Alameda High School and other members in the community have started a petition to rename the single court after White.

"We just felt like it was something necessary to continue his legacy," Alameda athletic director Kevin Hennessee said.

His legacy includes Andre Agassi, former Hornet Megan Klon and current Hornet Jennifer Lau.

"I guess the thing that stands out the most is that he would always have tidbits of information," Oetman said. "He had a lot of insight into the games, and you knew you should be listening."

People in the community can sign the petition by stopping by the Alameda High School office.

**MORE TENNIS:** It took the El Cerrito and Berkeley girls teams two days to settle their match, with the Gauchos finally prevailing 4-3 Tuesday.

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## ON DECK

### Prep girls volleyball

■ Bay Shore Athletic League playoffs semifinals, Thursday — St. Mary's and Albany have clinched the first and second seeds, respectively, in the BSAL playoffs and will host semifinal matches.

■ Berkeley at Alameda, 5:30 p.m. Monday — The Yellow Jackets, in quest to win the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League title, travel to host the Hornets.

### Stars of the week

■ Antoine Cokes, Berkeley football — Cokes rushed for a game-high 216 yards on 30 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of 69 and 9 yards as the Yellow Jackets beat Alameda 20-7.

■ Willert Dennis, El Cerrito football — Dennis rushed for a game-high 61 yards and scored on touchdowns of 1 and 61 yards as the Gauchos defeated Encinal 27-7.

■ Tarah Murrey, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Murrey had nine kills, five digs and two blocks in the Panthers' 25-6, 25-16, 25-20 victory over Piedmont.

■ Azelyn Failor, Albany girls volleyball — Failor had 12 kills and 17 digs in the Cougars' 24-26, 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 victory over Salesian.

■ Kadhja Bonet, Berkeley girls volleyball — Bonet won the ACCAL championship meet by sweeping the three-mile race at Point Pinole Regional Park in Richmond in 19:04.

## Football

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a fumble on Encinal's next possession, and four plays later, Gauchos quarterback Don Miguel Tutass connected with Kaya Fitzgerald for a 23-yard touchdown pass to wrap up the scoring. "The guys are so resilient. They really bounce back," El Cerrito coach George Austin said.

The Gauchos were firmly in control in the fourth quarter. They had possession for the final 9:58, with the drive ending inside the Encinal 5 when Tutass kneeled on the last play of the game.

El Cerrito remains tied for first in the ACCAL with De Anza and Berkeley, which both won Friday.

The Gauchos opened the game with a methodical 71-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard Dennis run for a touchdown. But after El Cerrito's second possession of the game, Encinal (3-5, 2-3) earned great field position after a 17-yard punt return by Mario Hackett put the ball on the El Cerrito 14. Four plays later, Donovan Brown ran 3 yards for a touchdown with 8:18 left in the first half.

The Jets were ably quarterbacked in the game by junior Brian Johnson, who was brought up from the junior varsity team and was playing in his first varsity game ever. Encinal lost two quarterbacks to injury in last week's loss to Pinole Valley.

Dennis led El Cerrito's rushers with a game-high 81 yards, followed by Connie Mack Sowsels (73 yards) and Okada (67 yards). Fitzgerald had five catches for 67 yards.

**John Swett 26, Albany 6:** The Indians continued their unbeaten season, but not before Albany's defense made a spirited road upset effort Friday.

Albany limited Vincent Hernandez to just 29 yards on his first 13 carries before finally wearing

down in the fourth quarter of the Bay Shore Athletic League game.

Hernandez rebounded to finish with 135 yards on 26 carries, while Thomas Arguello continued his hot touchdown passing, throwing for two scores on six completions. Hernandez had rushed for 414 yards the two previous games, and the sophomore Arguello entered the game with eight touchdown tosses on just 19 completed passes.

Albany (2-5-1, 0-3 BSAL) served notice on its second play from scrimmage, as running back Antwan Alameen broke containment around left end for a 40-yard gain. Nine plays later, quarterback Drew Southern hit a wide-open Donnie Phelps for an 8-yard touchdown strike, culminating a 5:49 drive to give the Cougars a 6-0 lead.

John Swett (8-0, 3-0) bounced back with a six-play drive. Arguello connected on a 41-yard screen pass to running back Jimmy Porter. Porter befuddled the Cougars with a magnificent cutback run on the play, giving the Indians a 7-6 lead that they took into halftime.

The third quarter was dominated by the foot—specifically that of John Swett place-kicker Jose Gonzalez. Gonzalez launched field goals of 31 and 37 yards. With Albany not having a reliable PAT kicker, it appeared possible the Indians' seven-point lead might be enough for the victory, as the Cougars were able to mount only 13 yards of total offense in the second half.

The Indians' running backs provided two fourth-quarter touchdowns. Hernandez slithered over the right side from 5 yards out, and Arguello threw 5 yards to Ansar Taylor.

**St. Patrick 56, St. Mary's 13:** The Bruins played fast-break football to stay unbeaten in the BSAL, scoring touchdowns on seven straight possessions.

Making the offensive blitz even more dazzling was that the hosts needed only 12 plays from

## BERKELEY AT ENCINAL

■ **WHERE:** Encinal High School, 210 Central Ave., Alameda

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Berkeley 6-2, 4-1 ACCAL; Encinal 3-5, 2-3

■ **LAST WEEK:** Berkeley beat Alameda 20-7, Encinal lost to El Cerrito 27-7.

■ **FACTS:** In their last five wins, the Yellow Jackets have allowed an average of only 10.6 points per game. The Jets have committed only one turnover in the last two games.

scrimmage to put all those points on the board.

The sequence began with 3:18 to go in the first quarter and the game tied at 7.

St. Patrick quarterback Chase Sanders completed his only pass of the night, a 20-yard corner pattern to senior Laurence Lea, to give the Bruins a 14-7 advantage.

After St. Mary's turned the ball over on its next possession, St. Patrick needed only one play, a 29-yard sprint by Ed Blakeley, to go up by two touchdowns at the end of the first quarter.

Another one-play "drive" started the second quarter. Tailback Olen Macalino dashed in from 42 yards out.

St. Patrick then used all of four plays to hit paydirt again on a 1-yard plunge by Macalino.

St. Mary's offense went three-and-out, and St. Patrick went four-and-in, with Blakeley sweeping into the end zone from 21 yards out.

Twice more in the first half St. Patrick got the ball, and twice they used their first play from scrimmage to score. By the time halftime came about, the Bruins had scored 56 points and run up 296 yards on the ground.

St. Patrick coach Marlon Blanton looked pretty amazed himself. "I didn't expect this," he said.

"St. Mary's is a good football team and they play good defense.

## ALAMEDA AT EL CERRITO

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave.

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Alameda 5-3, 3-2; El Cerrito 5-3, 4-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Alameda lost to Berkeley 20-7, El Cerrito beat Encinal 27-7.

■ **FACTS:** The Hornets are 0-3 this year when running backs Xavier Miller and Jonathan Ve are both held without a touchdown. The Gauchos have won four straight and have allowed a total of six points after halftime during that streak.

Our offense really put it together tonight. I can say that we worked really hard to get to this point. Watching the team execute tonight, I was very pleased." St. Patrick (6-2, 3-0 BSAL) finished with 401 yards in total offense. The running attack accounted for all but three of its

## PIEDMONT AT ALBANY

■ **WHERE:** Cougar Field, 1259 Brighton Ave.

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Piedmont 2-5-1, 0-3 BSAL; Albany 2-5-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Piedmont lost to Kennedy 22-20, Albany lost to John Swett 26-6.

■ **FACTS:** Austin Pugh has led the Highlanders with 814 yards this season, and nine touchdowns. The Cougars have struggled offensively since league play began, averaging just 10.7 points per game. In five nonleague contests, the Cougars scored 24.4.

plays from scrimmage. The Bruins averaged more than 10 yards a carry.

St. Mary's (3-5, 2-1) saw its three-game winning streak snapped rather rudely. The Panthers got on the board first when defensive back Rolando Oliver scooped up a Blakeley fumble

## ST. MARY'S AT JOHN SWETT

■ **WHERE:** John Swett High School, 1098 Pomona St., El Cerrito

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** St. Mary's 5-3 BSAL; John Swett 8-0, 3-0

■ **LAST WEEK:** St. Mary's beat Albany 26-6.

■ **FACTS:** The Panthers given up an average of 38.2 points in their losses, but in their wins. Over the last games, the Indians have just one opponent (Headwaters) to pass for more than 100

nine seconds into the game. ran 32 yards for the touchdown. Panthers quarterbacks had five interceptions in the game.

Staff writers Phil Jensen and Kibby Kleiman and correspondent Roger Lett contributed to this roundup.

## BSAL

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The BSAL has become a nice, strong league."

The Panthers have plenty of strengths, according to Segall.

"We're strong all around," he said. "We play good defense, we have a lot of power and we've got some big hitters."

St. Mary's has been led by the powerful trio of Brittney Murrey, Tarah Murrey and Natalie Bogan.

In its final league match, St. Mary's toppled Piedmont 25-6, 26-16, 25-19 on Tuesday.

Brittney Murrey tallied 10 assists, Tarah Murrey slammed down nine kicks and Bogan served four aces.

The BSAL may not have given St. Mary's the challenge that Segall would like, but it

had nonleague wins over strong teams including Analy-Sebastopol, San Ramon Valley, Rio Americano-Sacramento, Leigh-San Jose and Justin Siena-Napa, which is the defending North Coast Section Division IV champion.

Twelve teams will play for the NCS title in Div. IV. The BSAL is one of three Div. IV leagues in the NCS. Segall thinks the top four in the BSAL will probably qualify.

If the Panthers win the league tournament, Segall also believes they will have a good shot at being named the No. 1 seed in the NCS championships, which begin Nov. 15.

The section meeting to determine the seedings is Nov. 14.

**Can't be stopped:** St. Patrick's football team continues to pile up lots of points.

Even though last week's op-

ponent St. Mary's only had seven points in its first BSAL game, the Bruins ran 56 against the Panthers, but they 141 in three games.

St. Patrick (3-0 BSAL) Kennedy (1-2) tonight.

**It's over:** The girls' basketball team came to an end Monday members of the BSAL.

St. Joseph Notre Dame Kari Barnes carded an 11 par 90 to pace all BSAL in the NCS championship.

Santa Rosa. However, she would have needed a 78 qualify for this Monarchia Interscholastic Federation's Northern California Championships in Sacramento.

Piedmont went to the BSAL as a team after going 6-0 in the BSAL. The Highlanders finished 13th out of 19 teams.

Three teams advanced to the CIF NorCal championships.

## Fishing

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Garnet Point. Things have slowed down a little bit since then with unfavorable tides, but the bite will improve if the tides come back. Anglers are using ghost shrimp at Chain Island, Tom Daquino and Matt Bevier caught three strippers totaling 45 pounds at Roe Island, and Ron Capuro caught a 42-inch, 32-pound striper at Middle Ground. Richard and Mason Mendoza caught a 90-pound, 69-inch sturgeon on pile worms and grass shrimp at Little Cut, and two other big sturgeon were caught at the Big Cut on grass shrimp. Dominic Duarte caught a 49-pound, 62-inch sturgeon and two strippers totaling 23 pounds at Middle Ground.

Jim Smith took the Happy Hooker charter boat to the Carquinez Strait over the weekend and has success fishing for bass and some halibut. On Saturday they caught 16 limits of bass up to 12 pounds and one halibut, and on Sunday they caught nine limits of bass and four halibut up to 14 pounds, which were caught near Rodeo.

**THE RIVERS**  
**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON:** Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport

Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is good. A few steelhead were also picked up. Working well are Micro Mayfly No. 16, egg patterns and glo bugs.

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON:** Portocarrero said limits of king salmon are being caught with a 10-18 pound average. Anglers are using Flatfish T-50s and T-55s and bouncing roe to catch great kings.

**THE DELTA**  
David Dutra of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said striper fishing has picked up at the Antioch Pier with an average of 1-2 keepers per angler. Other places to try include Sherman Lake, Big Break Marina and West Island. Shad and sardines are working well. Sturgeon fishing has picked up in places such as Montezuma Slough, Broad Slough and Chain Island. Anglers are using grass and ghost shrimp and pile worms. There are still a few salmon to be had, mainly by Vieira's Resort and the Pittsburg PG&E plant using spinner baits, Silvertron lures and Wiggle Warts. Shad and mudduckers have been the hot baits.

Catching strippers this week were Jeff Davis (3 pounds), Joe Garcia of Brentwood (6.89 and 4.71 pounds), Bill Cottler (6.13 and 8.3 pounds), Scott Sprinkle (12 and 17 pounds), Phil Webb (13.75 pounds), Leslie Williams (5 pounds), Phuong Thach (9.8 pounds worth), Roger Lund (4.25 and 2.25 pounds), Mike Shel-

ton (4.5 and 3.36 pounds) and Bob and Aaron Griffin (10.5 pounds worth). Others included Grumpy Kinnear (4.5 and 2.54 pounds), Andy Kobayshi (22 pounds), Mike Keifer (2.75 pounds), Dan Beratis (12.75 and 8.56 pounds), Linda Beratis (3.64 pounds) and Francisco Guerrero (4.75 pounds).

Catching sturgeon were Mitch Schwitters (76 pounds), Sal DiMercurio (75 pounds), Bill Moore (57 pounds), Steve Brown (30 pounds), John Cook (63 pounds), Guillermo Garcia (35 pounds) and Dean Bostrup (85 pounds). Catching salmon were Bob Lewis (21.25 pounds) and Betsy Vancil (35 pounds).

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said sturgeon and striper fishing is good in places such as Cache Slough, Decker Island and the Rio Vista Bridge. Anglers are using shad, bullheads and mudduckers for strippers, and grass and ghost shrimp for the sturgeon. The water continues to cool and tides are best for fishing in the morning. Strippers up to 15 pounds and sturgeon up to 76 pounds are being caught. No salmon have been reported.

**THE LAKES**  
**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:** Bass fishing for trout is good with a lot of limits being taken. Try the Rockwall, Main Recreation area and the Pines. Trolling for trout also is good with a lot of fish feeding on top.

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Showtimes for Friday, November 5

Act 1 and 2

1200 Center Street, Berkeley 510-777-3456  
*Incident at Loch Ness* (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30  
*Marla Full of Grace* (R) 7:30  
*Staten Candles* (PG) 12

Albany Twin

5100 Albany Ave., Albany 510-777-3456  
*Being Julia* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:35  
*Motorcycle Diaries* (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:15

AMC Bay Street 16

594 Second St., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
*Birth* (R) 10:40, 12, 4, 9:50  
*Friday Night Lights* 10:20, 11, 4:05, 7:15, 9:10

*The Grudge* (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:35, 12:10  
*Heart Hucklebees* (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:20, 8:10, 10:50  
*The Incredibles* (PG) 10:05, 10:45, 11:30, 12:20, 1:05, 1:45, 2:30, 3:20, 3:55, 4:45, 5:30, 6:20, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10, 12:45, 11:30, 12:15

*Motorcycle Diaries* (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:25  
*Saw* (R) 12:10, 2:50, 4:10, 5:25, 8:15, 10:55

*Shall We Dance?* (PG-13) 11, 1:30, 4, 10:45  
*Shall We Dance?* (PG) 10:30, 12, 12:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:25, 4:45, 5:05, 9:45, 10:30

*Team America: World Police* (R) 12:25, 3:40, 8:20, 10:55

California Theatre

1111 Broadway St., Berkeley 510-777-3456  
*Heart Hucklebees* (R) 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 8:30, 9:30  
*PG-13* 1:15, 4:45, 8

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
*Cosmic Voyage* (Not Rated) 4:30, 8:30  
*The Living Sea* (Not Rated) 3:30, 8:30  
*Cosmos* (Not Rated) 2:30, 7:30

Elmwood 3

3800 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530  
*California* (Not Rated) 10:15, 12:15

Renaissance Grand Lake

700 Grand Ave., Oakland 510-452-3556  
*The Incredibles* (PG) 12:45, 3:45, 7, 9:15  
*Shark Tale* (PG) 12, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15

Jack London

1000 Broadway, Oakland 510-433-1320  
*Alfie* (R) 11:50, 1:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
*Birth* (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05  
*The Grudge* (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

The Incredibles

*The Incredibles* (PG) 11, 11:45, 1:45, 2:40, 3:40, 5:15, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:30  
*Ray* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:05, 10, 10:20  
*Saw* (R) 12:15, 3:15, 5:45, 8, 15, 10, 2:25, 5:15, 10, 10:30  
*Shall We Dance?* (PG-13) 11:40, 4, 10, 2:25, 5:15, 10, 10:30  
*Shark Tale* (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:40

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

125 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-528-1836  
*Before Sunset* (R) 6, 9:30  
*Shark Tale* (PG) 7:15, 9  
*Who Don't Live Here Anymore* (R) 7:35

Parway Speakeasy Theatre

100 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
*The Forgiven* (PG-13) 9:45  
*Garden State* (R) 6:30  
*Chain of the Dead* (R) 7  
*Team America: World Police* (R) 9:15

Piedmont Theatre

1100 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-777-3456  
*Heart Hucklebees* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 6, 7, 9:30, 9:40  
*The Motorcycle Diaries* (R) 1, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30  
*What the Bleep! Do We Know?* (Not Rated) 1:10, 3:35

Shattuck Cinemas

420 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-777-3456  
*Birth* (R) 2:25, 4:30, 6:55, 9:15  
*Garden State* (R) 2:10, 6:50  
*The Grudge* (PG-13) 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 10

Shattuck Cinemas

*PG-13* 2:30, 7:20  
*Remember Me, My Love* (Not Rated) 2:30, 7:50, 9:40, 9:30  
*Chain of the Dead* (R) 5, 9:50  
*Sideways* (R) 12:30, 3:10, 3:15, 4:15, 8, 7:45, 9:45  
*Team America* (Not Rated) 4:40, 9:20  
*Team America: World Police* (R) 2

...mantic movies, cutting out grand misunderstandings, nudity and sex. Instead this potent, wry love story delves into the real and true emotions involved in experiencing desire as we age and gain responsibilities. Even the smart, sweet "Before Sunrise" seems slightly staid in comparison. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A

**"BEING JULIA":** Based on Somerset Maugham's novella "Theatre," this movie sets out to prove there's no people like show people. The story is set in London in 1938, where aging stage actress Julia Lambert (Annette Bening) enacts her revenge against everyone who has brought her low: Tom, her loutish lover; Michael, her philandering husband, who is sleeping with an ingenue hungry for a part; and the ingenue who is using both of Julia's men to get to Julia. — B. Newman. (R: some sexuality.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C+

**"BIRTH":** Nicole Kidman plays Anna, a young widow finally getting on with her life, 10 years after her husband, Sean's, death. She is engaged to Joseph (Danny Huston), who is safe, sexless, boring. At a party, a 10-year-old boy (Cameron Bright) sneaks into the house and confronts Anna with a part of her past that she thought was dead and buried: He claims to be the reincarnation of Sean. — B. Newman. (R: sexual content.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C+

**"THE FORGOTTEN":** Fourteen months after her son's death in a

plane crash, a woman (Julianne Moore) is still a wreck. Yet one day her husband, and her shrink (Gary Sinise), tell her the boy was just a figment of her imagination, launching a wild quest to prove her own sanity. She's joined by a man (Dominic West) whose daughter was on the same plane. The movie doesn't bear up well under close scrutiny, but Moore is convincing enough to distract the logician, at least until after you've left the theater. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, some violence and brief language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B-

**"FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS":** The saddest sports movie since "Hoop Dreams," this is the true tale of a Texas town so bewitched by high school football that nothing else matters, including the feelings of the young players. Billy Bob Thornton plays the much put-upon but not quite saintly coach, while Derek Luke and Lucas Black shine as the team's most important players. But the movie, based on Buzz Bissinger's nonfiction account of a year in the life of Odessa, Texas, is undercut by wild, darting camera work that aspires to give a feeling of cinema verite but instead inspires queasiness. — M. Pols. (PG-13: thematic issues, sexual content, language, some teen drinking and rough sports action.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

**"GARDEN STATE":** "Scrubs" star Zach Braff wrote, directed and stars in this deceptively quirky tale that gradually deepens to end on a note

of redemption marked by a bracing largeness of spirit. Braff plays a Los Angeles actor who returns to New Jersey when his mother dies, and simultaneously stops taking medication for depression. With Natalie Portman as the offbeat local girl with whom he hooks up. — K. Thomas. (R: drugs, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

**"THE GRUDGE":** Sarah Michelle Gellar stars in this remake of the Japanese horror film "Ju-on." A pair of ghosts haunts a house, attacking everyone who enters, including Gellar, who comes to play nursemaid to one of its occupants. The visual frights are plenty scary, but by the end, one of those set-up-for-the-sequel scenes, the unconvincing back story behind the curse, has drained the film's energy. Surprisingly, Gellar makes for a dull heroine. — M. Pols. (PG-13: for scenes of horror.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C

**"I (HEART) HUCKABEES":** David O. Russell's latest comedy is a wild romp about warring philosophies, starring, as a pair of existential detectives, Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin. Their latest client is Jason Schwartzman, an environmental activist who has lost his wife, thanks to a corporate mouthpiece, played by a brilliant Jude Law. The material is dense, but the movie is so pleasantly silly that it floats by. Mark Wahlberg is outstanding as a thoughtful fireman, indignant with the world since "that September thing." — M. Pols. (R: language, a sex scene.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

**"LADDER 49":** The career of veteran Baltimore fireman Jack Morrison (Joquan Phoenix) plays out in flashbacks while he is trapped in a burning building. The movie fits from the present, as Jack's mentor, Fire Chief Mike Kennedy (John Travolta), directs a rescue effort, to Jack's first day on the job, his triumphant first fire and his family life with Linda (Jacinda Barrett) and their two children. — D. Germain. (PG-13: profanity, fire-scene violence.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

**"MARIA FULL OF GRACE":** A compelling, lyrical and highly accomplished debut feature by writer/director Joshua Marston, which puts a human face on one of the more inhumane and despicable aspects of the drug trade, the use of "mules" to transport heroin and cocaine. Through Maria, his heroine, we come to understand how an otherwise innocent young girl would willingly take such a risk. In the title role, serene newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno wins our sympathy. — M. Pols. (R: drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

**"THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES":** A subtle and lyrical depiction of a political awakening from director Walter Salles. In 1952, two young men set out from Argentina, intent upon exploring South America via motorcycle. Alberto Granado (the marvelous Rodrigo de la Serna) wants to get laid in every small town, his friend Ernesto Guevara de la Serna (the soulful Gael Garcia Bernal) wants adventure. Ultimately what they find is a connection to the continent's poor, put-upon and displaced people. By the end, the roots of revolution had found the man who would become "Che" Guevara. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

**"NAPOLÉON DYNAMITE":** Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a gangly mouth-breather whose affectless eccentricity could easily be mistaken for simple-mindedness. "He's a tender little guy," as described by his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about the kindest thing anyone says about Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

**"p.s.":** The tantalizing psychological premise of writer/director Dylan Kidd's dissonant romance is that a 39-year-old woman (Luna Linney) has the unique, presumably mystical, opportunity to reunite with what seems to be her dead boyfriend (To-

OPENING TODAY

**"ALFIE" (R)**  
 Jude Law stars in the remake of the '60s classic about a womanizer forced to rethink his lifestyle.

**"INCIDENT AT LOCH NESS" (PG-13)**  
 As director Werner Herzog films a documentary about Scotland's Loch Ness monster, a Scotlander

pher Grace) from high school. Linney is first-rate as usual, and Grace plays with the ambiguities of the role displaying skills of a far more experienced actor. But the movie is altogether too coy about its purpose, and its early promise remains unfulfilled. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexuality.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C+

**"RAY":** Jamie Foxx channels the late, great Ray Charles in this fascinating bio-pic that doesn't skim over the rough spots in the musician's past, including heroin addiction and much womanizing. But the movie suffers from the conundrum of being both too shallow and too long. — M. Pols. (R: a depiction of drug addiction, sexuality, some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 32 minutes. B-

**"SAW":** Two men awaken in a dingy room, shackled to pipes on opposite sides, with no memory of how they got there. They are Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Cary Elwes) and a young photographer named Adam (Leigh Whannell). Also in the room are a corpse and items that set the stage for a sadistic game, including two saws too dull for the chains, but sharp enough to hack through an ankle. — G. Dowell. (R: language, graphic violence.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

**"SHALL WE DANCE?":** Richard Gere plays an attorney who badly needs to get his groove back in this remake of the Japanese hit. Jennifer Lopez is the dance teacher he turns to, with Susan Sarandon as the suspicious wife. A feel-good movie, expertly manufactured for audience satisfaction. The laughs are much broader and the supporting characters more vulgar than in the original, but Gere is at his most charming. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual references, brief language.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B-

**"SHARK TALE":** An animated under-tale for kids. Sound familiar? But this tiresome DreamWorks concoction has none of the heart and soul of "Finding Nemo." The story is structured around yet another "Godfather" parody, featuring Robert De Niro as the head shark "Analyse This" and "That" weren't enough? who rules the reef. Every sea creature has been anthropomorphized into something recognizable from pop culture, and the fish shop at "The Gup" and drink "Coral Cola." Yuck. Will Smith voices the most irritating fish in the sea, a braggart named Oscar. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language, crude humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C-

**"SHAUN OF THE DEAD":** A thoroughly juvenile and often entertaining "rom zom com" — which is to say, a romantic zombie comedy. Appliance salesman Shaun (co-writer Simon Pegg) gets dumped by his girl (Kate Ashfield) because he never goes anywhere but to the same bar, and his odious friend Ed (Nick Frost) is always around. The next day, there's a zombie invasion in North London, and Shaun gets a chance to prove his love by putting his life on the line to save his girl. Goofy and gross, it's a cross between "28 Days Later" and "Wayne's World." — M. Pols. (R: zombie violence/gore and language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

**"SIDEWAYS":** Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church are two very different middle-aged men on a road trip through the Santa Barbara wine country in this just-about-perfect movie from director Alexander Payne ("Election," "About Schmidt"). Wickedly funny, with some of the best slapstick this year, but poignant, too. — M. Pols. (R: language, some strong sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. A

**"STAGE BEAUTY":** It's London during the reign of Charles II, an era of curly wigs and knee breeches. It was

films him.  
**"THE INCREDIBLES" (PG)**  
 A retired superhero is summoned back into action from his quiet suburban life in this Pixar animated film.  
**"JAY-Z FADE TO BLACK" (R)**  
 Chronicles hip-hop superstar Jay-Z's 2003 concert at Madison Square Garden.

a theatrical age, and this film, based on a play by Jeffrey Hatcher, feasts on both its on- and offstage spectacles. Rupert Everett plays the monarch himself with all his perturbed hamminess, and Zoe Tapper plays his consort, the brassy cockney music-hall performer Nell Gwynn. One of the movie's historical insights: In 17th century England, politics were as theatrical as theater was political. — A.O. Scott. (R: sexual references and situations, some nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

**"SURVIVING CHRISTMAS":** Unable to face Christmas alone after a spat with his girlfriend, Drew (Ben Affleck) visits the house where he grew up. After some more high jinks with the owners, Tom and Christine (James Gandolfini and Catherine O'Hara), he worms his way into their heart and home by offering \$250,000 if they'll pretend to be his parents for Christmas. — D. Germain. (PG-13: sexual content, language, a brief drug reference.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. D

**"TARNATION":** Jonathan Caouette's film is hard to classify. It is obviously a documentary, but it also demands to be described in terms not ordinarily applied to movies — as a memoir, as a diary, as a private, poetic record of emerging consciousness. Aside from Caouette, whose bruised, resilient sensibility gives "Tarnation" its power and its wit, the main character is his mother, whose beauty and vivacity have been shadowed by serious mental illness. — A.O. Scott. (PG: Not rated.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. B+

**"TAXI":** Jimmy Fallon plays Washburn, a cop who is such a lousy driver that he loses his driver's license. That's where Queen Latifah comes in, as a cabbie named Belle who's a great driver with a souped-up taxi. After Washburn persuades her to drive him around, the two of them take on the city's latest menace, a gang of Brazilian bank robbers who look like supermodels. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: language, sensuality, brief violence.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

**"TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE":** In the latest raunchy, foul-mouthed creation from the "South Park" boys Matt Stone and Trey Parker, marionettes stand, dance, fly airplanes, bomb the Eiffel Tower, have wild sex, vomit and feed Hans Blix to the sharks. The plot mimics that of a dumb action movie, with marionettes — every string showing — playing the brash defenders of the American way against terrorists. Movies don't come much cruder, politically incorrect, offensive (or funnier) than this. — M. Pols. (R: graphic, crude and sexual humor, violent images and strong language; all involving puppets.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

**"UNDERTOW":** A truly bizarre concoction, with a story line that harks back to Greek mythology, a Gothic backwoods setting and visual tricks straight out of '70s TV. A creepy uncle (Josh Lucas) arrives and wreaks havoc in the lives of two brothers living alone with their taciturn father. — M. Pols. (R: violence.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B

**"VERA DRAKE":** Vera (Imelda Staunton) is the cheeriest, most helpful gal in her dingy London neighborhood, circa 1950. She's also a back-alley abortionist, "helping out" hundreds of poor women. Director Mike Leigh handles this incendiary topic with a bare-bones economy that goes straight to the heart of the legal and moral questions, without being overt or stident. The ensemble cast, particularly Staunton, is superb. — M. Pols. (R: adult themes.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

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# Events

## STAGE

**ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY** — "Present Laughter" by Noel Coward, through Nov. 20. In this sophisticated and witty comedy, the high drama of an actor's off-stage life rivals anything he has ever done on stage. Charity Benefit Matinee, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. Senior/Student Special Performance, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. \$10 general; \$8 seniors and students.

**\$10**, Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-649-5999 or [www.aeof-berkeley.org](http://www.aeof-berkeley.org)

**ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER** — "Absolutely! (Perhaps)" by Pirandello, through Nov. 7. An adaptation of Pirandello's absurd tale of gossip, uncertainty and the search for truth. Presented by the Albany High School Theater Ensemble.

**\$10** general; \$5 students and seniors. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany, 510-558-2500, ext. 2579.

**ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE** — "Scapino!" through Nov. 27. The story of Neapolitan rascal and trickster who helps two sets of young lovers get together despite the opposition of the boys' fathers. \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, 2 p.m. 1409 High St., Alameda, 510-523-1553 or [www.altarena.org](http://www.altarena.org)

**BERKELEY CITY CLUB** — "A Step Away" by Myrna Holden, through Nov. 21. This play about modern love explores the depths of guilt and desire. Presented by Central Works Theater Ensemble.

**\$8** to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 510-558-1381 or [www.centralworks.org](http://www.centralworks.org)

**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE** — "Thrust Stage" — EXTENDED — "Eurydice" by Sarah Ruhl, extended through Nov. 21. A new adaptation of the classic Greek Orpheus myth in which the story is told through the eyes of the heroine Eurydice.

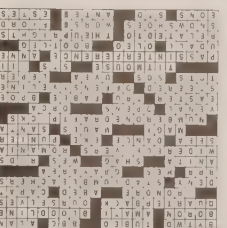
**\$10** to \$55. Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov. 6 and Nov. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Nov. 9 and Nov. 10, 8 p.m.; Nov. 20, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-847-2949, (888) 4BRT-Tix or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — "448 Psychosis" by Sarah Kane, Nov. 10 through Nov. 14. A drama about mental illness, performed by the Royal Court Theatre of England. Wednesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse, Dana Court and Bancroft Way, \$65.

Laurie Anderson, Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, 8 p.m. A performance of "The End of the Moon," a new solo work exploring the relationships between war, aesthetics, spirituality and consumerism. Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, \$24 to \$46.

UC Berkeley, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu)

**CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE** — "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn, through Nov. 20. A farce following the trials of a theater company attempting to rehearse and perform a play while also dealing with love triangles, professional rivalries and backstage intrigue.



**\$15** general; \$10 ages 16 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 7 and Nov. 14, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, 510-524-9132 or [www.cccf.com](http://www.cccf.com)

**LA VAL'S SUBTERRANEAN THEATRE** — OPENING — "Meanwhile, Back at the Super Lair," Nov. 5 through Dec. 11. A comedy about the balance between good and evil in which four incompetent superheroes finally get their chance to shine.

**\$15** general; \$10 students and seniors; Thursdays pay what you can. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; NO SHOW ON NOV. 25. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, 510-464-4468 or [www.im-pacttheatre.com](http://www.im-pacttheatre.com)

**UC BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF THEATER, DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES** — "Tooth and Nail," Nov. 12 through Nov. 21. A production combining images, narrative fragments and gigantic puppets in conjuring the specter of apartheid and questioning the place of art and political resistance in the "New South Africa." Presented by South Africa's Junction Avenue Theatre Company.

**\$14** general; \$8 students and seniors. Nov. 12, Nov. 13, Nov. 19 and Nov. 20, 8 p.m.; Nov. 14, 7 p.m.; Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Durham Studio Theater, UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and Dana Street, Berkeley, (866) 468-3399 or [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ALBATROSS PUB** — Kurt Ribak Jazz Group, Nov. 6, \$3. Whiskey Brothers, first, third and fifth Wednesdays. Free.

Unless otherwise noted, shows begin Wednesdays, 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 p.m. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510-843-2473 or [www.albatrosspub.com](http://www.albatrosspub.com)

**THE ASHBY STAGE** — Saul Kaye, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

**\$10**, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-6500.

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — Terry Faehs-chini, Nov. 5.

Nicole, Nov. 6.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — "Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Cannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays, \$4.

"Acoustic Wednesday" with Mikie Lee Prasad and guests, 10 p.m. Free. For ages 18 and older. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-848-0886 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com)

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — Laurie Anderson, Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, 8 p.m. A performance of "The End of the Moon," a new solo work exploring the relationships between war, aesthetics, spirituality and consumerism. \$24 to \$46. Zellerbach Hall, University of California at Berkeley, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu)

**COFFEE FOR THOUGHT** — Ariel, Nov. 5. The Starboard Watch, Nov. 12 <

Live Music Jam Night, Tuesdays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Free. Unless otherwise noted, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. 1544 Webster St., Alameda, 510-769-4930 or [www.coffeeforthought.net](http://www.coffeeforthought.net)

**DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT** — Rhonda Bennin Quartet, Nov. 5. Eric Swinderman Quartet, Nov. 6. Cyril Guiraud, Dave Michel-Ruddy, Nov. 9.

Sebastian Lanson, Nov. 11.

Lee Waterman Quintet, Nov. 12.

"Clockwork: A Cappella Jazz Quintet Jazz Supper Club," Nov. 13, \$39.

Jules Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through November.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN P. CHAN**  
CASE NUMBER: RP0418007

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SUSAN P. CHAN, a Petition for Probate has been filed by: SUE CHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: SUE CHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the Decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will

be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administrator authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on NOVEMBER 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. In Dept. 23 located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed

above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk.

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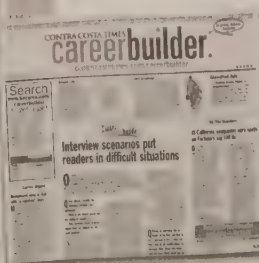
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JOOEJ-KABOB HOUSE'S DECOR is all French *fin de siècle* flea market, but the food is well-balanced Iranian.

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## FOOD

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market vibe, but all wrong. Zaytoon. Framed Iranian posters dot the walls — and more await placement — these look uneasy here. When there's the menu itself. Albany end of Solano Avenue, a youngish crowd of graduates, hipster professors in Camper shoes and jeans. They hang out in the Room bar next door, Club Mallard up the street. The exhibit fills the gallery with Iranian dishes, inventive offbeat wines and salads. There's only one, a Greek salad, on the current menu. The restaurant — even one of producing exciting — has to find a base. For restaurants, that can mean finding tradition with contemporary tastes. That's one balance that has eluded Zaytoon.

■ **CUISINE:** Iranian steak, seafood and kabobs.

■ **PRICES:** \$\$ (entrees \$8.99-\$18.99).

■ **HOME RUN:** Joojeh-Kabob (crispy grilled Cornish hen, marinated in olive oil and salt).

■ **STRIKEOUT:** Ash (the bland country-style porridge of lentils, chickpeas and canned kidney beans).

■ **VEGETARIAN:** The lack of vegetarian-friendly entrees is a problem, though all the appetizers are safe.

■ **KIDS MENU:** There is none — but see if they'll go for Koobideh (\$6.99), which the menu describes as a "Persian burger": a skewered and grilled mixture of ground beef and lamb, served in a roll of lavash with lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

■ **DESSERTS:** None are house-made, though that's a goal for the kitchen. But the baklava (\$3.99) is delicious — tender, relatively unsweetened and fragrant with rose-water.

## FOOD



(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

■ **FREEBIES:** Sabzi Panir, a basket of warm pita triangles and a plate heaped with parsley, mint, cilantro and Thai basil with a cube of feta cheese. Make little appetizer sandwiches, or nibble them all separately throughout the meal, as you wish.

■ **BEVERAGES:** A few uninteresting wines, beer, soft drinks, Peet's coffee and Persian tea. Doogh (\$1.99) is housemade: liquid yogurt, salted and diluted with a little sparkling water, flecked with dried mint.

■ **CHECK:** \$79.15; three appetizers, three entrees, one dessert, two drinks.

## AMBIENCE/SERVICE

■ **NOISE LEVEL:** Nearly empty, the dining room is placid. Iranian pop and atmospheric jazz alternate over the sound system.

■ **MOOD:** The decor, left over from a former nightclub, is all French *fin de siècle* flea market, loopy old chandeliers and exposed brick, an odd fit for the Iranian food. With a glass or two of cheap merlot and your back to the cars whizzing past on San Pablo Avenue, you could imagine you're in some old Ottoman outpost.

■ **BATHROOMS:** Layers of romantic French tchotchkes and reproduction antique wallpaper; wheelchair-access.

■ **SPECIAL AREA:** The bohemian bar, lacquered with reproductions of French Impressionist paintings.

■ **TIP:** 18 percent.

■ **SERVICE POINT:** Forget about pacing: Entrees come halfway through the appetizers, resulting in a lot of frantic plate-shuffling.

## WINDER

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Winder is approaching culture consciousness and identity in a uniquely innovative way," said Grady, chairman of the Arts Consciousness Department at F. Kennedy University, where the exhibit fills the gallery at the Berkeley campus. "She's a wonderful comedic presence."

Winder responds: "It's not about the Peeps — but it is about Peeps. When I look at Peeps I see childhood, I see popular culture. It's not a rant against consumerism, because I'm the ultimate consumer. I call myself a Peep gatherer."

The exhibit is Winder's final effort for earning her master's degree at the university, which touts its mission of inspiring dreams, realizing them.

Winder, who lives in Ross Valley, Marin County, had several Peep art installations on her wall as she planned the exhibit. Among them would be a chocolate complete with Oriental Bibles and candles, and "God-go-go-go," with purple go-go shoes and a selection of purses a Peep might carry.

Winder was the thousands of Peeps still wrapped in plastic, half of a friend's garage, and she purchased the artist's attention the week before the opening.

Winder said 8,000, but ac-

tually it's closer to 9,000 now," she said, beginning a stream-of-conscious account of her life as a Peeps shopper-gatherer.

"I couldn't resist when I saw the black cats, although it's mostly chicks and bunnies. For this project, I knew I was going to need a lot, so I started collecting last December. From last Christmas, there are snowmen, Christmas trees, gingerbread men and women. Hearts from Valentine's Day, Easter, of course, was chicks and bunnies. Let's see, the next holiday was the Fourth of July — stars. And then Halloween, ghosts with really weird faces, black cats and pumpkins. Last year, they had turkeys for Thanksgiving, but I haven't seen them again."

"You know that expression 'a riot of colors'? It's a riot of colors. And when you take them all out of the package, it's sort of an overwhelming sugary smell."

Winder, 54, seems amazed that what she does — what she's always done — can find a place in a college art gallery.

"Grad school really gave me the language to talk about my art," she said. For instance, she's been creating and sending Groundhog Day cards for 28 years, and she finally showed them to Grady, the art department chairman.

"He said, 'Oh, mail art.' I didn't have the language to describe what I was doing."

Winder says she still draws from her childhood roots — 1960s Los Angeles pop culture. She moved to Berkeley to study

art history and English at UC, then received her degree from UCLA (where her 20-year-old daughter is now an art student).

Returning to the Bay Area, she opened her own typesetting shop and worked on catalogs for museums and the fledgling Banana Republic retailers. She decided to return to art school at John F. Kennedy University, "really putting myself into the world of art."

But she resisted the idea of "making" art. "In my first year in art school, they pretty much stopped trying to get me to make things. I am not the glue-gun queen. I don't create art from found objects. I make it from bought objects."

The exhibit runs the gamut from photos of Britney Spears with Pop-Tarts to chocolate playing cards and a bicycle wheel constructed as a tribute to Marcel Duchamp's famous ready-made art.

She admits that her materials can be cheap and tacky — one favorite source is a car-wash shop — but insists the finished product is not.

"I assemble things so that the relationship creates another whole way of seeing. It shifts your perspective. If you can find something sacred in something cheap and tacky, then you can find something sacred in anything."

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He founded the influential band M'Bamina in 1971, with which he toured internationally, appeared frequently on French television and recorded nine albums. By the early '80s, he was music director for Paco Rabanne, arranging and producing sessions by up-and-coming musicians for the designer's label.

Ngo came to the United States looking for more studio experience and moved to Santa Cruz at the urging of his old Echo Noire bandmate Somphe. He had intended to move back to Paris but love changed his plans, and he settled in California with the woman who became his wife.

Saturday's concert is part of Ngo's effort to raise funds for his upcoming album, which he plans to record next month in Paris with his old musical compatriots, artists who have shared his long, strange journey from Africa to the West.

## Zaytoon a balance of sour, sweet and bitter

By John Birdsall  
CORRESPONDENT

Iranian food is all about balancing homespun charm and a kind of embroidered opulence: the tartness of yogurt and the fragrance of mint, rosewater and spices, a delicate equilibrium of sour, sweet and bitter.

The best dishes at Zaytoon, a new Iranian place on San Pablo Avenue in Albany, balance these elements like a Middle Eastern street vendor balances stacks of flatbread. Take the appetizer Zaytoon e Parvardeh (\$3.99), a chunky green olive spread. It's quite literally the restaurant's signature dish ("zaytoon" means "olives"). In contrast to tapenade, France's garlicky olive paste, Zaytoon's olive spread tastes wonderfully complex: tart, fruity, and perfumed with something you can't quite name. Suddenly, French tapenade seems about as appealing as tomato paste straight from the can.

Turns out Zaytoon's olive spread contains walnuts, extra virgin olive oil, a trickle of pomegranate molasses and a pinch of the tarragon native to Central Asia (so-called Russian tarragon, cousin to the French kind).

In fact, the right ingredients are central to the appeal of this place. Zaytoon's husband-and-wife chef/proprietors — Alex Pour and Maryam Seifi — own Nick's Market, an Iranian grocery around the corner on Solano Avenue. So accessing a particular ingredient usually means just scurrying around the corner.

Pour and Seifi grew up in Tehran, and Zaytoon reflects that: mostly city-style Kabob, or grilled meat dishes. Like grilled food in, say, Tuscany, these are straightforward dishes, which rely on basic marinades and the flavor of the grill to confer character.

If you're not prepared for that, Joogeh-Kabob (\$12.99) can seem lackluster: a cut-up Cornish hen, marinated in olive oil and salt, grilled so it's crispy and blackened, flanking an enormous pillow of basmati rice.

But as you eat, you realize the blackening itself is the spice. Dark-tasting — almost bitter — it acts as a lush contrast to the succulent hen, reminiscent of meats cooked in an Indian tandoor oven. Sprinkle it liberally with the powdered sumac — tart and warm-tasting — that fills a shaker on each table. Delicious.

There's a daily special of some saucy braised or stewed dish. Available on Thursdays, Khoresht e Fesenjaun (\$8.99) reminds me of a Mexican mole. It's a thick, dark sauce of ground walnuts and pomegranate juice, filled with long-cooked chicken breaking down into meaty shreds. The sauce hovers between sweet, sour and bitter — a perfect example of the ideal of balance in Iranian cooking.

Not all is harmonious, however. The space used to house a Thai fusion restaurant, and before that a jazz and indie music club. The decor is virtually unchanged since the old nightclub days. One huge wall drips with a watery homage to Monet's water lilies, embellished with a frieze of some sappy verse. There's even a naked buxom bather — though Zaytoon's owners have arranged the branches of a large ficus tree to lend her a degree of modesty.

There are mismatched chandeliers, a Victorian carved sideboard crowded with women in flimsy tunics: all with a cool, Paris

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## INFORMATION

- **WHERE:** 856 San Pablo Ave., Albany.
- **HOURS:** 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Closed Mondays.
- **PARKING:** Free parking, both in the Beverages & More! lot next door, and on the street.
- **CONTACT:** 510-524-2000.
- **DATE OPENED:** Sept. 4, 2004.
- **PRINCIPALS:** Alex Pour and Maryam Seifi, chef/proprietors.
- **RESERVATIONS:** For parties of any size.
- **PRIVATE PARTIES:** No private room.



LAURA GEST WINDER, a John F. Kennedy University MFA student, is exhibiting "The Sacred Side of Cheap and Tacky," where she turned nearly 9,000 Peeps into a tranquility garden, background, at the Arts and Consciousness Gallery in Berkeley.

## Peeps show a holy experience

■ Artist who crafts with the marshmallow puffs hopes to cast them in an entirely different light in your consciousness

By Robert Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

You don't see the star of Laura Gest Winder's exhibit the minute you walk into the Berkeley gallery. First there's "Feast," an arrangement of six popular diet books, their pages shredded as if devoured by hungry beasts. Then "Board Room," an elaborate chess table atop a fringed "rug" made from hundreds of plastic soldiers.

Around the corner to the left is the Peeps-de-resistance. Thousands of the airy confections fill the gallery floor in a cartoonish blaze of aqua, violet, hot pink and bright yellow chicks and bunnies, with white ghosts scattered here and there for visual relief.

Paving stones invite visitors to walk across the blinding Peepscape. There is a garden bench for sitting and meditating — or simply staring in disbelief. Is this a flood of Peeps, an avalanche of Peeps or some bizarre mass marshmallow suicide?

Somewhere in all this, Winder hopes gallery visitors will connect her work to the history of modern art and, lost in the moment, discover her inspiration for the exhibit's title, "The Sacred Side of Cheap and Tacky."

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ELEMENTS OF GEST WINDER'S display are shredded diet books sitting atop TV-dinner trays, Pop-Tarts imprinted with Britney Spears' pictures and a shrine to chocolate.

## EXHIBIT

- **WHAT:** "The Sacred Side of Cheap and Tacky," objects and installations by Laura Gest Winder
- **WHERE:** Arts and Consciousness Gallery, John F. Kennedy University, 2956 San Pablo Ave., in the Berkeley Business Center
- **WHEN:** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays through Nov. 16; noon-4 p.m. Nov. 13 and 14; closed Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **CONTACT:** 510-649-0499



## Congolese guitarist brings message of joy

■ Samba Ngo first learned about the power of music from his father, an herbal healer

By Andrew Gilbert  
CORRESPONDENT

It might seem strange that a region beset by almost unrelenting tragedy has produced one of the world's most joyful music styles. But Congolese guitarist Samba Ngo explains that music is a potent healing force, and his rippling soukous grooves are designed to spread exhilaration and delight.

Ngo learned about the power of music from his father, an herbal healer who used chants, songs and incantations in his rituals. Traveling into the countryside with his father to gather herbs, Ngo participated in the ceremonies by playing shakers.

"I remember my father being a musician first and an herbalist second," said Ngo, who performs with his captivating band at Ashkenaz on Saturday. "For him, music was the foundation of life itself. Everything living is music. We are music and rhythm. And if you know the music, it can cure. It's medicine."

Certainly no region in the

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— Samba Ngo

world needs strong medicine more than the Congo, the vast central African region that experienced the worst of the 19th and 20th centuries had to offer, including genocide, ethnic strife, famine, political repression and war. Ngo's music is featured in an upcoming documentary by Tom Weidinger, "Heart of the Congo," that explores the struggle of aid workers to help the millions of internal refugees displaced by the civil war that broke out in the late 1990s. The film screens before the concert.

While Ngo left Congo in the late 1960s, long before the latest outbreak of violence, his music has been shaped by his dizzying, picaresque life, a journey that has taken him from Central Africa's anti-colonial struggles and Cold War-fomented strife to revolu-

tionary Paris in 1968.

Adopted by a French aristocrat, he ended up as music director for a leading Parisian fashion house. "I feel like I have lived many lives," Ngo said in a recent conversation from his house in Santa Cruz.

A major force in popularizing Congolese music in Europe in the 1970s and '80s, Ngo (pronounced En-go) has released 18 albums with various groups. At Ashkenaz, he's focusing on last year's critically acclaimed, self-produced "Ndoto," which features his vocals in French, English, Kikongo and Lingala.

Ngo honed his guitar sound by mimicking the cadences of traditional African instruments such as the nsambi, kalimba and kora, and his music is built upon sebene, the rolling, layered two-guitar interplay that defines

much Congolese music. But his band's sound embraces many influences, including funk, jazz and rock.

"I'm a modern man, that means I'm also rock," Ngo said. "When you look at rock, blues, jazz, the contribution of African music is inside, and that is why I'm not a stranger to those styles. The thing I look for is the sincerity of the sound."

What's confusing about Ngo's upbringing is that his family was buffeted between the two Central African nations known as Congo. They originally hailed from the former French colony now known as the Republic of Congo, which is north of, and much smaller than, the gigantic former Belgian colony that became Zaire after independence and is now called the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Ngo's father fled the French colony to avoid being pressed into virtual slavery to build the railroad from Brazzaville to the Atlantic Ocean. Settling in the tiny village of Dibulu in the Belgian territory, Ngo's parents raised nine children, though the village was so remote that most of their births weren't registered and Ngo doesn't know his exact age.

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## Plays make post-vote life

“GENERAL  
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for The New Yorker once said, “the Americanater is the aspirin of the classes.” If we overeat, snippy condescension, not a bad headache remedy — especially for the end after the election.

Here are a couple of aspirins opening tomorrow, maximum-strength, flavor-coated for easying. Let's take the bite.

“You're a Good Man, Brown,” based on the “Peanuts” by the late Charles Schulz (it runs in the newspapers), opens tonight at Masquers Playhouse, 10 Place, Point Richmond.

Good Ole Charlie and friends, including Snoopy, of course, have delighting audiences opened off-Broadway on 7, 1967. To give you the show's enduring Gary Burghoff, Radar, a movie and TV series played the original Charlie.

G.A. Klein is directing musical direction by and choreography by Plays are at 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays through Dec. 2:30 p.m. matinees on and 28 and Dec. 5 and 12. Tickets are \$15. Call 510-222-NEED MORE INFO.

Speaking of Snoopy, your election hangover, something stronger like hair of the dog? To go to theatrical aspirin.

Impact Theatre has right jigger of low-level hilarity in “Meanwhile, the Super Lair,” by Greg Kalleres, directed by Cross, opening at 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley.

Here's a peek at the skullduggery as passed by Melissa Hillman, and artistic director of the saucy and salty theater now in its tenth Ten years ago, the Sate City appointed heroes to protect the right, upright denizens the baddies. Although any superpowers, an accidental victory left crime-free.

Ten years later, the Tribe — Human Fly, Streak, Rhino Man and Woman — are still in city payroll, but all they hang around the Super subtlety apartment Spandex and playing

But now they face a menace in the form of per villain, Eidolon, and city bureaucracy (always trying to see if previous allocations are being (It's been known to you know).

Plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Dec. 11. Tickets are 10-15. You can every Thursday other nights; \$10 always seniors, students and members.

CLAY DAVID'S And finally a round of ulatory applause for David, head of Contra College's drama department who has been nominated three Shellie Awards his work on one show's rection, costuming and design for “When the Show was presented Galatean Players Ensemble.

Patterned after Tony Awards, the 20th Shellies will be given ceremony on Jan. 15, 2005 the Dean Leshner Registrar for the Arts in Walnut Valley region only (not fire East Bay). Tickets which includes a post money reception.

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Section D

## The 2005 Scion xA is small, nimble, affordable and loaded

BY CONNIE KEANE  
KEANE ON WHEELS

Scion is built to appeal to first-time buyers, but it's so well equipped, I can see anyone on a budget taking a look at this automaker. I noticed during my visit with the Scion xA that a number of passing motorists checked out the exterior styling of the subcompact.

The 2005 Scion has diminutive proportions, but forms a solid stance. It features a wheelbase of 93 inches, a width of 67 inches and a height of 54 inches. The Scion has a wide front grille and sculpted headlamps that form a dramatic expression to the front of the car. The design explains why I noticed so many motorists eyeing the lower end of the xA.

Young buyers will be glad to see the 2005 xA comes with standard features that they may already be used to from their parents' cars. Why should they be denied the same comforts? Scion has loaded the xA with standard amenities, such as air conditioning, power windows (with one-touch auto down), power door locks, tilt steering wheel, power sideview mirrors, rear wiper and defogger. And, Scion knows that music is important to the young crowd, this car is prepared for it. Standard equipment includes a Pioneer/AM/FM/CD system that is MP3 compatible.

With a starting price of \$12,480, the xA is as well equipped as most subcompact vehicles priced in the \$10,000 range. Standard features include anti-lock brakes with Electronic Brake-force Distribution. And it's quite helpful in allowing all four wheels to act in unison. ABS prevents the wheels from locking

in hard braking while EBD dispenses proper braking force to all four wheels once the anti-lock brakes system is engaged. And with the 2005 Scion xA, even head and side-impact airbags are offered as an option.

The xA is built and designed to appeal not only to the first-time buyer, but also to owners who like to personalize their rides. For this reason, Scion has a large selection of accessories for both the interior and the exterior of the xA. Some of these items include 10-spoke alloy wheels, fog lights, mudguards, front strut tie bar by Hotchkis Tuning, rear taillights by TYC, taillight garnish by Superior Dash, and shift knob in chrome or titanium by OBX Racing Sports.

Under the hood of the xA has a nice 16-valve, 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine. Equipped with variable valve timing with intelligence, the engine delivers 108 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 105 lbs.-ft. of torque at 4,200 rpm. The engine is linked to a five-speed manual transmission, or, as in the case of my tester, a four-speed automatic transmission. One of the strong attributes of the Scion is its superior fuel economy. My automatic xA tester had EPA-rated fuel economies of 32 miles per gallon city and 38 mpg highway.

New for 2005 is a limited edition xA. Scion has named it the xA Release Series 1.0. Only 1,500 models are scheduled to be produced and are priced at \$14,680. The Release Series 1.0 comes with a power moonroof, 17-inch alloy wheels and Yokohama tires, vehicle stability control with traction control, a sports grille and rear spoiler. And it comes in one color: Absolutely Red. Each Release 1.0 has an individually numbered series badge just for that vehicle.



KEANE ON WHEELS

Young buyers will be glad to see the 2005 xA comes with standard comfort features that they may already be used to from their parents' cars. Why should they be denied comfort they've become accustomed to simply because they are first-time buyers?

2005 SCION is built to appeal to first-time buyers, but it's so well equipped, I can see anyone on a tight budget would be interested in taking a look at this automaker. The car has strong attributes like an EPA rating of 32 mile per gallon and the expectation of low servicing and operating costs.

### 2005 SCION xA

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger FWD subcompact 5 door
Suggested Retail	\$13,280
Price as Tested	\$15,738
Engine Type	DOHC 16-valve, 1.5-liter 4 w/MPFI
Horsepower	108 at 6,000 rpm
Torque	105 at 4,200 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	93 inches
Height	54 inches
Curb Weight	2,380 pounds
Fuel Capacity	12 gallons
Mileage	City/hwy 32/38

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# Only one Cadillac could win over his heart — 1963 Eldorado

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

"I've been in love with Cadillacs ever since Uncle Joe stopped by my parent's house in Charlotte in 1963 with his 1964 Cadillac," says William F. James, Jr. He was only seven years old at the time, but the big convertible made an indelible impression. "I've been taken by '63 - '64 Cadillacs ever since," he recalls. Both sets of his grandparents drove Cadillacs, but they were sedate models and couldn't compare to Uncle Joe's flashy Cadillac. Through high school and college James made do with lesser cars. As a treat to himself when he received his master's degree, James bought himself a new Cadillac. "It wasn't the same," he remembers. "It was all plastic." It left him pacified, but not satisfied. James says, "I've wanted a '63 or '64 Cadillac convertible since I was a kid." Life sometimes interferes. He wed Julie in 1985, and was blessed with children in 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1998.

In 2001, James began scouting about for a good condition old Cadillac. On the Internet he found a restored 1963 Cadillac Eldorado convertible in St. Louis at an auto museum. It had changed hands a

couple of times since being restored in 1990. "Is this the stupidest thing I've done?" wondered James as he boarded an airplane to St. Louis in February 2002. In bitter cold Missouri he inspected and drove the Cadillac and found it satisfactory, except for a persistent shimmy in the front end. Even so, papers were signed and James flew back to North Carolina. The Cadillac arrived a week later on an enclosed car transporter. "It was almost like Christmas," he says.

James has since learned that 1,825 Cadillac Eldorado convertibles were built in the 1963 model year. He discovered that his car was manufactured Sept. 20, 1962, and was 1963 Eldorado number 36. The base price for the 4,640-pound convertible was \$6,608. Philippine "Nara" wood accents highlight the red and white leather covered interior. Extra cost accessories on the car now include: air conditioner (\$474), AM/FM radio (\$191), cruise control (\$97), controlled differential (\$54), remote trunk release (\$53), SoftRay glass (\$52), adjustable steering wheel (\$48), power locks (\$46), Guide-Matic lights (\$45), front seat belts (\$44). The options boosted the price of the fire-frost



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red Cadillac to \$7,713. The odometer read about 92,000 miles more than a decade ago when the car

was disassembled for restoration and is only now beginning its second 100,000 miles. That front-end shimmy problem was corrected for about \$800. The problem was similar to that on one of his grandparents' Cadillacs more than 30 years ago. James can comfortably fit his family of six in the Cadillac. "I'm trying to get my kids to reflect back to

a time when cars were fun," he says. "Cars today look like eggs." "It's not just a car," James says. "I don't drive it in the rain, but I have fun just having it." "I'm very picknicky about where I take it." He notes that, once on the highway, opening up all four barrels on the Rochester carburetor is exhilarating. He reports around town

mileage in the neighborhood of 18 mpg. The 390-cubic-inch V8 produces 325 horsepower and easily propels the 18-foot-long Cadillac on a long 129.5-inch wheelbase. James is now waiting for his Uncle Joe. "If anyone else's family can appreciate this car, says, 'It's Uncle Joe.'"

# Rising fuel prices send Americans in search of automotive alternatives

BY KEVIN LYNCH

SAN FRANCISCO — OPEC has been around since 1960 and to a world that runs on petroleum the dominance of an organization that possesses 2/3rds of the world's oil reserves has proven to not always be a good thing. While rising fuel costs are the result of many factors, the fact remains the price of a barrel of crude sends ripples in all directions. Higher oil prices increase the cost of the food you put on your table, raises the prices of construction and manufacturing, and it determines the trajectory of development in all of the world's auto making markets. It also means that we are exporting ever larger amounts of hard earned capital that will not be available to fund the next generation of anything we might want to make in the United States.

In the 1970's, energy shortages caught many of us by surprise and we had to learn to change our habits as consumers. As the protracted fuel price increases shifted consumer priorities, auto makers responded by offering car buyers new compact and subcompact

models that boasted improved mileage.

When the energy shortages of the 70's subsided and the economy grew stronger the demand for more spacious vehicles increased. The pendulum began its swing back to a fuel conscious mentality beginning in 2000. And by 2003, finished gasoline and blending components were removed from storage at a rate in excess of 142,000 barrels a day, a staggering ten times the average draw rate of 14,000 barrels per day seen during the previous five years.

Supply was not meeting demand and the result is that we now have prices at fifty (plus) dollars per barrel of oil. That translated into higher fuel prices to the extent that in California alone the cost of gas rose .65 cents per gallon on the wholesale level and .40 cents per gallon at the pump in August of 2003.

The fuel drain, to say nothing of the impact of greenhouse gases or the effect of mandatory EPA emissions standards, has again provided the auto industry with another moment in which to do its part to loosen the country from the nation's inextricable ties to oil dependency. As it stands there is little choice but

to make ourselves less dependent or face the unsavory options of either recasting personal budgets or get behind the wheel of a more fuel efficient automobile.

From the pack of varying ideas and approaches as to how to improve mileage the hybrid vehicles have pulled ahead and have demonstrated the greatest potential for further development. A hybrid is a car that runs off both a rechargeable battery and gasoline. Unlike its experimental predecessor, the fully electricity powered car that could only achieve speeds of 50-60 mph and needed to be recharged every 50-100 miles, the

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hybrid car does not need to be plugged in. And it is capable of very nearly the same kind of performance one is accustomed to with a gas powered car. Other advantages the hybrid possesses are: their motors shut off when the car is stopped. They are lighter, creating half the drag of a conventional car; they recover brake energy; they are generally more aerodynamic and they reduce smog producing emissions by 90% or more.

Nearly all of the major auto makers are releasing their first generation hybrids, with the exception of Toyota, who entered the hybrid market a few years ago and Honda, who introduced the first hybrid sold in the US, the Insight, in the 2000 model year. The majority of models available at present are sedans like the Honda Civic and Accord Hybrid, as well as the Toyota Prius, with several other models to be released in the coming two years including the Nissan Altima, Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid, the Saturn VUE, and the Ford Futura. There are also a wide range of hybrids that are not of the sedan body style. For the driver who needs their vehicles to perform a wider variety of tasks there is the Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid truck, Ford's Escape Hybrid SUV, the

GMC's Sierra Hybrid truck and the world's first luxury hybrid vehicle the Lexus RX 400h.

Everywhere, hybrids are increasing in popularity. In the first quarter of 2004 Toyota saw an 80% increase in sales of its Prius from the same quarter of the year before. Honda saw an increase of 11% of its Civic Hybrid over the same period. The first hybrid to come out of Detroit, the Ford Escape, was projected to sell 20,000 units but before its release in August, Ford had gathered a list of 30,000 potential buyers.

What is most startling about the hybrid branch of automotive development is the rapidity with which improvements to the cars efficiency and performance are taking place. Auto makers are on pace to be producing a wide variety of models in the next three years that will rival, if not out perform, what we have come to think of as standard fuel driven operation. Beyond this there are now vehicles on the market that enable drivers to spend less of their hard earned incomes on gasoline. And for 2005 there are federal tax credits available to buyers, to the tune of \$2,000.00 (line 32 of your 1040 tax form in the "Adjusted Gross Income" section. Enter the

amount of the deduction on words "Clean Fuel" on the line next to line 32. If you use the vehicle solely for business just claim the deduction. "Other expenses" line of Schedule C (1040) or Schedule E (1040). — So even if you have enough deductions to long form you can reduce your liability, money you owe the IRS (\$2,000 I).

To view many of the new hybrid models and a great deal attend the 47th Annual San Francisco International Auto Show, presented by the San Francisco Motor Car Dealers Association and supported by the Motor Car Dealers Association, November 21-28, 2004 at the Moscone Convention Center.

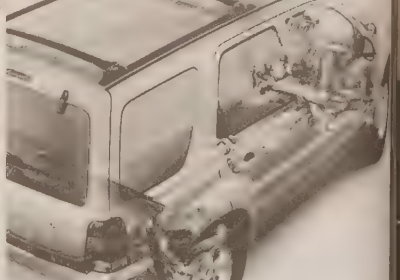
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# Break into RVing with the fun and easy-to-tow T@B trailer

BY JEFF JOHNSTON

RVs are a lot of fun and can provide plenty of recreation, travel and camping enjoyment for the investment, but some people aren't quite ready to make that big leap into a full-on RV. That's where the new T@B trailer comes in. It's a terrific little trailer from the Dutchmen Manufacturing division of Thor Industries. It makes it easy to get a taste of RVing without making a huge investment in extra equipment.

In truth, the T@B isn't the least-expensive RV on the lot, as it retails in excess of \$11,000, depending on the model and options, and that will vary widely by location. However, it's a bit like buying a Lexus instead of an economy car. Its build quality and design are first rate, just as a younger baby-boomer buyer might expect. The T@B doesn't look like any other RV, and that's part of its appeal. The smooth silver exterior contrasts with the brightly-colored edge trim, and even the new T@B2 is brilliant white fiberglass with reduced argent-tone edge trim. It's visually fun.

The trailer's egg shape echoes the classic teardrop trailers that date back to the 1940s or thereabouts. That feature has made the T@B popular with classic car buffs. Many users look at the T@B as a vehicle that's a good step up from a tent to a full RV, sort of a halfway house for campers.

Compact size is a big claim to fame for the T@B. At just 15'6" long and 7'9" tall, the T@B can be stored in many garages or unobtrusively

tucked away next to a house, which is important since many neighborhoods are enacting tough RV parking laws. Best of all, the T@B weighs less than 1,400 pounds unloaded and has an approximately 128-pound dry hitch weight. Those figures mean many small cars, small pickups or minivans and compact SUVs can safely and reliably tow the T@B without expensive equipment modifications. And if the trailer's position needs to be adjusted, it's easy for one or two people to move it using the built-in handholds on each corner of the body. The dolly wheel on the tongue jack also helps a lot with manual maneuvering.

No add-on brake control is required because a hydraulic surge brake is standard. That makes it even easier to prep a tow vehicle for T@B hauling. There's also a manual parking brake lever near the hitch to help keep the trailer stable while parked. A standard set of four crank-down corner jacks further helps the trailer body stability situation at less than perfectly level campgrounds. Aluminum skin is laminated with aluminum framing and polystyrene insulation to create a strong, durable structure. The Al-Ko galvanized steel frame with independent-suspension rubber-torsion axles will probably outlast the tow vehicle.

Due to its small size, the T@B, with a 5'9" interior ceiling height, offers snug amenities for two people. The U-shaped dinette seats several adults for light meals, and the table

and cushions fold down to create a comfortable 70 x 80-inch bed that can handle even tall campers. The dinette table is freestanding, and can be hauled outdoors for use at campgrounds. Most tent campers are accustomed to stowing all of their cargo in the car or truck. The trailer's interior storage spaces include underseat compartments, and the cabinets up front will hold a lot of camping hardware. However, it fills fast, and keeping a "travel light" philosophy in mind will help keep a T@B outing from becoming a clutter fest. The galley is compact but functional. It includes a two-burner LP-gas stove, a small sink with an electric water pump-powered faucet, while a small icebox with a 1.8-cubic-foot refrigerator is an option. Small cabinets above and below the sink conveniently house food prep items. As in many RVs, there's minimal counter space so the table will likely be pressed

The T@B doesn't look like any other RV, and that's part of its appeal.

into service for meal preparation.

Several available options enhance the trailer's livability. One of the best of these accessories is an awning that runs almost the entire length of the trailer, and provides a great place to escape from the rain or blazing sun while still enjoying



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the outdoors. Both a forced-air furnace and an air conditioner are options available, and further improve the rig's comfort level. It's not a big,

T@B TRAILER is a fun way to explore the world of recreational vehicles

roomy RV like you see in use today, but as a comfortable, fun and easy-to-tow alternative to tent camping, the T@B is a mini-RV that could be of interest to many outdoors en-

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
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
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
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
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# Corvair owners registered to vote, just not for Ralph Nader

**BY JEFF SABATINI**  
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

If you are among the one or two percent of American voters who, as polls indicated, voted for Ralph Nader on Tuesday, you can thank Edward N. Cole for affording you the opportunity.

Neither an idealistic college student nor one of the canvassers who worked to secure Nader's access to the presidential ballot, Cole, the president of General Motors from 1967 to 1974, is widely regarded as the father of the Chevrolet Corvair. As Chevrolet's general manager, Cole introduced the Corvair in 1959 as a 1960 model. It was a compact car with an air-cooled engine mounted in the rear and an independent suspension at both ends. In retrospect, it would prove to be one of the last truly daring designs GM would attempt. At a time when Cadillac's tailfins were reaching their preposterous zenith, the Corvair was as radical as the Cuban revolution.

That the magnum opus of Cole (who died in 1977) would give rise to Nader's prominence as a consumer advocate can be chalked up to the vagaries of timing and publicity. In 1965, Nader, a young legislative aide in Washington with a Harvard law degree, published a blistering critique of the auto industry's failure to address vehicle safety, "Unsafe at Any Speed." The book's first chapter was called "The sporty

Corvair: the 'one car' accident," and charged that the car posed an unacceptable rollover risk.

Nader very likely selected the unconventional Chevy not only because of its reputation for dubious handling, but also because GM was the world's biggest car company. Though most of the book focused on issues other than the Corvair, it brought considerable attention to the car and even more to the author. Some of the attention was unwanted: GM later apologized for its overzealous scrutiny of Nader after the book's release. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration eventually concluded that the car's design was not defective, but only after Corvair production had ceased in 1969.

"Around here, people say that the Corvair made Ralph famous, and Ralph made the Corvair infamous," said Larry Claypool, proprietor of the Vair Shop, a garage in Frankfort, Ill., that specializes in the brand. Claypool is also the technical editor of the national Corvair club magazine, *Corsa Communiqué*, and something of a legend in the Corvair world. He started his business in 1972, when he was just 18. Many enthusiasts say they think the campaign against the Corvair actually caused its life to be extended. By the mid-1960s the sporty Camaro and compact Chevy II had made the Corvair redundant, so, fans say,

the perception was that GM kept the car in production because it did not want to be seen as caving in to Nader.

The Corvair was initially developed as basic and inexpensive transportation for the masses, something akin to a Volkswagen Beetle. There were Corvair trucks, a van and a pickup, as well as sedan, coupe, station wagon and convertible body styles. By 1965, the emphasis had switched from economy to sportiness and the redesigned Corvair was considered one of the most attractive shapes ever produced in Detroit, especially as a pillarless coupe. The rudimentary swing-axle rear suspension that served as Nader's cannon fodder was replaced by a more sophisticated design similar to one used in the Corvette.

Today, the Corvair is perhaps not as controversial, but no less of a contrarian than it was when new. Despite its engineering similarities with the VW Beetle and the Porsche 911, this innovative Chevy has not attained a similar status among collectors, at least outside the 5,500 members of the Corvair Society of America. "Chevy people don't really want to admit that Corvairs are Chevrolets," said Jim Langdon, a member of the Capital City Corvair Club in Madison, Wis., a local chapter of the national organization.

Even if fans of Chevrolet muscle cars cannot get past the Corvair's up-front trunk,

aficionados relish the car's distinctive engineering. Not only was the Corvair the only American-made car of its era to use an air-cooled engine, it also offered an optional turbocharger, an exotic feature in 1962. In its most powerful configuration, the Corvair's horizontally opposed six cylinder displaced 164 cubic inches and made 180 horsepower, enough to push a 1965 model to 60 mph in under 11 seconds.

Though they are no more difficult to drive, own, repair or restore than other cars of that era, Corvairs are different and require some specialized knowledge. Even when they were new, Chevrolet dealers would have a "Corvair guy" in the service department, Claypool said. "It's just like owning a Ferrari or a Maserati," he said. "You can't get it fixed at just any local garage." If that is the downside, the upside is that you can buy an entire Corvair for what you'd pay for a valve job on one of those exotics. Even a perfect Corvair is unlikely to trade hands for more than \$15,000, and many very nice cars, including the lovely convertibles, can be found in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range; a roadworthy car can usually be bought for \$1,000 to \$2,000.

"That's what attracted a lot of us to the Corvair in the first place," Langdon said. The rarest production Corvair was the 1969 Monza convertible; only 521 were built. Also desirable is the Corsa model of 1965-66,

which offered nicer instruments and power than the standard car. Active air of interest is the Yenko Stinger, a performance limited-edition built by racecar driver, Don Yenko.

Not only do Corvair owners frugal, they can also have long memories. Nader is still a touchy subject for owners, whose vanity license plates read "N8R H8R" or "RALPHW8R". Corvair owners like Roger Gault, of Texas, put Nader campaign buttons on their cars upside down, so that they would be easier to read if the car rolled over.

But as Corvairs have largely disappeared from daily service and the realm of hobbyist toys, the car has begun to fade. Nader even gave an invitation to speak at the Corvair convention in 1991, and posed behind the wheel of a Corvair. "I drive it, though," Claypool said.



## Volvo sends its car technicians to you

**BY JIM MATEJA**  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Consumers dislike visiting a dealership to purchase a new vehicle, but dislike even more returning to service or repair the vehicle. It means rearranging your schedule to fit the dealer's — and time off work waiting for the car. Instead Volvo has come up with a program called Mobile Tech to put consumers at ease.

You'll still have to visit the dealership to replace a transmission, but if you get a recall notice and need an inspection or need a headlamp, wiper blade, bulb or hose replaced, replacement keys, or fluid levels topped off, Volvo brings the technician to the consumer. It's a clever way for a niche marketer like Volvo (sales of about 140,000 units in the United States expected for '04, up from 135,000 units in

'03), to attract consumers away from bigger rivals such as Mercedes-Benz or BMW.

Mobile Tech has been test-marketed in four cities over the last few months. According to Vic Doolan, president and CEO of Volvo Cars of North America, Volvo hopes to have it up and running at dealerships in 150 major metro markets within a year.

"We want to make life easier for our customers, and so we'll come to their home or office to do the work," Doolan said. "People tell us they don't want to use their time on something we created. So it makes sense to go to the consumer rather than have them come to us," Doolan said. Dealers charge what the service would run at their store, except on warranty or recall work where there is no charge.

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# A cracked ring can sometimes send false signals to the ABS system

BY JUNIOR DAMATO  
MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1989 Mercedes-Benz with anti-lock brakes. The ABS system activates when my speed is around 5 mph. There are no problems other than the brakes checked and the fine. Any ideas would be appreciated. **Peter**

**Dear Peter:** I see this problem frequently. I usually find a cracked speed sensor ring mounted on the front axle. The cracked ring sends a signal to the ABS computer that the wheel speed is different from the other three wheels. This causes the ABS system. Have a shop check the rings. Some rings can be purchased for \$10. A remanufactured axle is another option.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1991 Toyota Camry. I had a tune-up at 80,000 miles. Now, at 80,000 miles, the engine will sputter occasionally in the morning. It seems the sputtering goes away when I pump the gas. Based on the information from the Toyota computer, the dealer replaced the idle speed

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valve. The car was left overnight and the dealer could not find any problem. Any thoughts? **Andy**

**Dear Andy:** Today's engines are designed to run very lean, even when starting in the morning. Pumping the gas pedal just increases the amount of both fuel and air entering the engine. A weak ignition system can be covered up with the extra fuel from you pumping the gas pedal. The idle valve the dealer replaced is a very common failure. Carbon deposits are also common. Have the dealer or independent shop simply spray some water from a spray bottle on the distributor cap and plug wires, then start the engine when cold. If there is any spark leakage, the engine may start and run very rough. Weak ignition coils are also common failures. You must use only Toyota replacement parts.

**Dear Doctor:** I read your column weekly and enjoy it. I have a

question about fuel-injector cleaners. You suggested to use it quarterly. You also mentioned something about it damaging the coating on the gas tank. Could you please explain what you meant? **Bob**

**Dear Bob:** Some of the fuel-injector cleaners are just not worth the money. As for the possible damage to the inside of the gas tank, there is no danger at all. Only professional fuel and carbon cleaners would damage the fuel tank or fuel system if it ever entered the tank. The professional treatments are done under the hood at the main fuel rail. When this service is done, the vehicle's fuel system is shut off, as is the return fuel line.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee. The heater box fills with water and leaks on the passenger side front rug. I drilled a hole to drain the water. The dealer wanted \$700 to remove the heater box and unplug the factory drain. Do you have any other suggestions? **Henry**

**Dear Henry:** The factory air conditioning/heater box drain is plugged up with leaves and debris. When you open the hood the drain

is not visible. You need to go to a shop, have them drill a 1-inch hole with a hole saw a few inches forward of the firewall on the passenger side support rail. Next, a coat hanger-size wire is inserted in the factory drain. The wire only has to go in an inch or so, just enough to let the water flow out. You will be amazed how much water will come

out. Some drains on other vehicles are very accessible and the same cleaning can be done.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1992 Ford Tempo four-cylinder engine with 27,000 miles. There is a loud rattling sound from the engine. My mechanic is not sure where the noise is coming from. It goes away when the engine speed is increased. The

oil is full and the engine runs perfectly. **Joe**

**Dear Joe:** A common failure on your Tempo is the harmonic crank shaft balancer. It is a simple repair.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

## The challenge: To obtain energy independence as well as clean air

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
MOTOR MATTERS

**SHANGHAI** — As I recently made the long journey home to Detroit from Shanghai where I had spent a week at the Michelin Challenge Bibendum, I tried to digest and distill all that I had learned at the event on alternative fuels. I filed notebooks on observations of what I saw at the impressive new Shanghai Circuit. Where Formula One cars raced recently for the first time in China. And where alternative fuel vehicles, from two-wheel electric bikes to fuel-cell powered buses and everything in between, competed not only in acceleration and handling, but also on emissions and fuel economy. I loaded still other notepads with comments during speeches by the world's foremost alternative-fuel experts who spoke at symposiums. A pile of tapes from individual interviews with many experts, from academia and government to automotive suppliers and OEMs, await transcription.

It boils down to this: the need to do something about fuel efficiency and emissions is more critical in China than virtually any place else in the world. Shanghai's thick smog caused many of us Americans, accustomed to comparatively clean air, to suffer sore throats, watery eyes, runny noses and shortness of breath. Our hearts broke for the people, especially the children, who live in this environment. The World Health Organization, in fact, reported that worldwide 800,000 people a year die prematurely due to poor air quality. I wondered how many are from Shanghai or China.

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Shanghai, for its first Asian Challenge Bibendum, largely because it is the world's fastest-growing automotive market. However, the smog made it clear China, home to six of the world's 10 most air polluted cities — including Shanghai, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — was a perfect setting for an alternative fuel conference. If Americans think for a moment that this is China's challenge alone, they are mistaken. As staggering as the numbers are for China's anticipated future growth in automotive production and sales, so, too, are the numbers regarding its place in the world for fuel consumption and air pollution.

Experts at the Challenge Bibendum symposium confirmed that by the year 2030, if the world continues as it currently is — with China and other developing countries increasingly in the mix — we can multiply by two the world's oil consumption, global pollution and traffic fatalities.

In addition to the issue of fast-growing China and its challenges related to its growth, the themes at this year's Challenge Bibendum were subtly different from the past few that I have attended in the U.S. and Europe. It remains clear that automakers, countries, and various other experts see fuel cells as the brass ring, particularly if they are fueled by hydrogen, produced not from petroleum, but from renewable

sources. As has been predicted at Challenge Bibendums past, stepping stones to fuel cells, still a long way off, will be a mix of technologies — diesels, hybrids (electric motors and batteries with gasoline and diesel engines), biofuels and hydrogen internal combustion engines. Approaches vary by manufacturer and geography, and all were represented at the Challenge Bibendum. Discussions focused on purely doing good for the environment turned to that of "energy security" issues such as soaring gas prices, the war in Iraq, general turmoil in the Middle East and questions about future petroleum availability.

Japan, which imports virtually all of its petroleum, has initiated a full-court press to develop and install fuel cells, not only to power vehicles, but also homes and businesses. China, almost as import oil-dependent as Japan, appears to be more than glancing at what its neighbor is doing.

China will be unveiling next year its plan for next-generation transportation. Its current five-year plan, called 863, focused on developing electric vehicles, this plan expires next year. It appears China would like to skip some of the interim steps.

In the end, the compelling business case of energy independence may be what drives more environmentally friendly transportation. After breathing Shanghai's so-called air, I'm in favor of whatever it takes.

## October car sales gain slightly

BY SARAH A. WEBSTER

**DETROIT** — U.S. consumers bought only 28,000 more new cars in October than they did in September, but the companies expect sales to flourish now that the division and distracting U.S. presidential campaign is over.

Automakers released their monthly sales results Wednesday. They think this election has been a boost for consumers to listen to, and I think that has affected consumer confidence," said Gary Dilts, vice president of sales at Ford's Lincoln, Mich.-based Chrysler Corp., a division of German automaker DaimlerChrysler AG.

"The guys on the showroom floor think this has been a negative election that has somewhat put consumers off."

Pau Ballew, executive director of global market and industry analysis for Detroit-based General Motors Corp., agreed that the conclusion of the race bodes well for the rest of the year.

"We always like to remove the uncertainty in the marketplace," Ballew said.

Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research Inc. in Bandon, Ore., said consumer moods will likely lift, and retail sales are expected to improve now that the hotly contested race is finished.

"It always historically has happened immediately after presidential elections. Confidence numbers start to go back up," he said. "We're fully expecting that spring will be fairly good. It tends to be good when incumbents win."

In October, U.S. consumers bought 1.33 million cars and light trucks, about 2.2 percent more than last year, when about 1.30 million vehicles were sold. Trucks continued to be more popular with consumers than cars, with truck sales up 2.6 percent compared to October 2003, and car sales up a more modest 1.7 percent.

The industrywide performance was slightly better than most ana-

lysts expected. But October was a mixed month for Detroit's automakers. DaimlerChrysler sales were up 1.6 percent, but they were down 5 percent for Ford Motor Co. and 4.9 percent for GM.

Consequently, DaimlerChrysler increased its share of the U.S. market to 14.2 percent for the first 10 months of the year, while GM's share fell to 27.7 percent and Ford's declined to 19.7 percent. That was a combined market share of 61.6 percent, down from 63.1 percent a year ago.

The big three Japanese automakers, in contrast, posted large gains. Sales were up 13 percent at Toyota Motor Corp., 10.2 percent at Honda Motor Co. and 27.3 percent at Nissan Motor Co. That helped market share for those three Asian automakers to collectively grow 1.9 percentage points during the first 10 months of the year, to 26 percent, from 24.1 percent during the same period a year ago.

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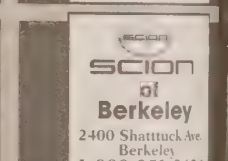
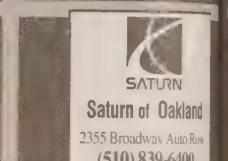
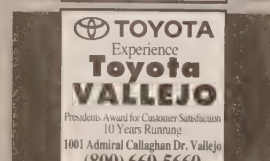
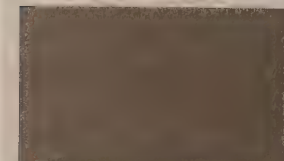
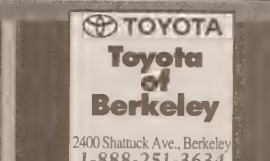
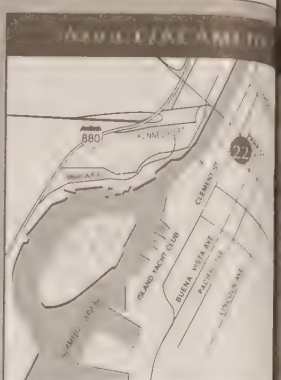
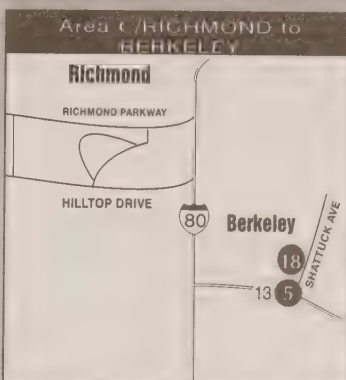
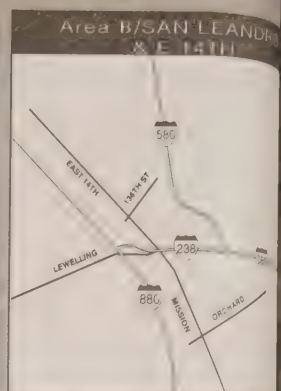
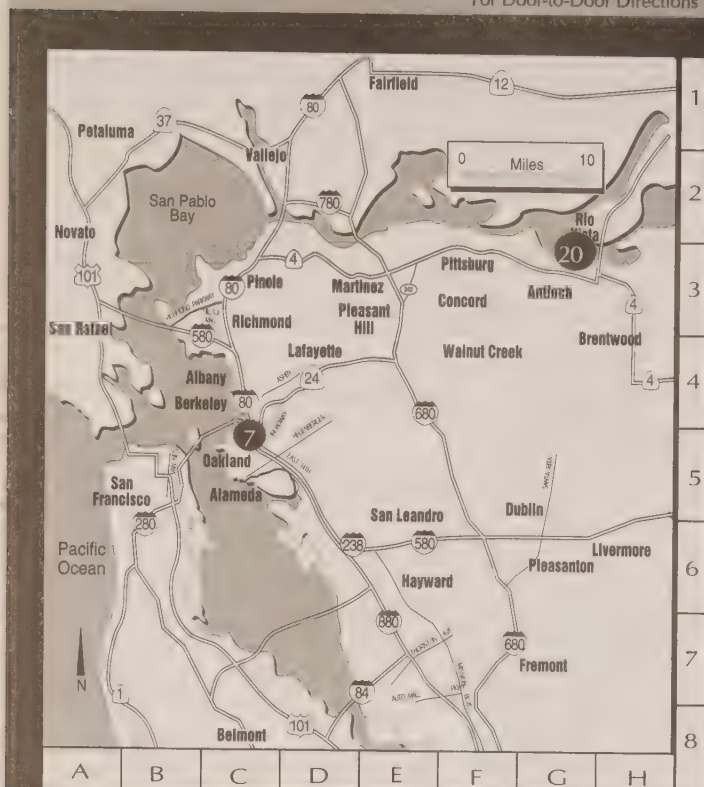
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## ANALYST I, QA/QC

Conduct QA visual inspection of filled/packaged product; verify acceptable procedures have been followed; perform label inspection procedures including visual inspection of labeled product for placement of labeling and perform area inspections both before and during packaging/packaging procedures. Also, determine appropriate number of samples required for release testing and retention purposes, and assure samples are delivered to appropriate areas according to defined requirements. Requires a high school diploma and 1-2 years of experience in QA and/or quality experience. Knowledge of GMPs and Quality System Regulations and ISO requirements. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002534-DB.

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Lead a group of 10-15 Scientists and Associates to develop and manufacture small molecule oral formulations to support clinical development and commercialization. Provide technical leadership and project management for small molecule drug product development and interface with multinational groups drawn from Research, Development, Operations and Manufacturing. Requires PhD in the Pharmaceutical Sciences or related discipline with 10 years of experience in a pharmaceutical R&D environment. A solid understanding of physical chemistry, formulation and process development and solid dosage forms, biopharmaceuticals and technology transfer is required. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002306-JS.

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Participate in clinical trials and conduct them in a timely manner and in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures, the principles of Good Clinical Practice, Good Laboratory Practice, and all applicable FDA, HIPAA and global regulations governing the conduct of clinical trials. Requires CLS, BA/BS, or MS in Clinical Science or Science, with a minimum of 3 years experience and 6 years of related experience conducting or assisting with clinical trials or working in a regulated clinical laboratory or blood center. Knowledge of clinical laboratories, quality control and quality assurance, phlebotomy, hematology, coagulation, microbiology and blood banking to include a background with molecular testing procedures. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002586-DB.

## ASSOCIATE II, REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Manage the Blood Testing Regulatory Affairs Manager in regulatory responsibilities for the preparation of domestic and international regulatory filings, including filings and creation of BLA Amendments and supplements, and country specific product registration and support as required. Requires BA/BS degree in the Biological Sciences or commensurate experience. Minimum of 1-3 years experience in regulatory affairs, preferably direct relevant experience in a regulated environment involving in vitro diagnostics regulated either as biologics or medical devices. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002537-DB.

## ASSOCIATE III, RESEARCH

Conduct research in cell biology, biochemical, and molecular biology research. Contributes to experimental design and interpretation of data; communicates research results at group meetings and/or company-wide meetings; provides feedback during others' presentation of results; writes experimental protocols; prepares internal reports; maintains lab notebooks; reviews scientific literature; and prepares information to aid in scientific research. Requires college degree in a scientific discipline. Minimum of 5 years related experience with a Bachelor's degree, or minimum of 2 years experience with a Master's degree or equivalent. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002627-RK.

## ASSOCIATE III, RESEARCH

Conduct research with good understanding of and at least 5 years experience in molecular biological techniques and cell biology (including vector construction, protein expression analysis, culture of a diversity of lines, generation of stable cell lines using retroviral technology). Specific experience with signal transduction pathway analysis would be a bonus. High degree of motivation, ability to act as part of a team and to clearly communicate data in both verbal and written form are essential. Experience in a drug discovery setting is preferred. Please apply online at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002780-RK.

## DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER III

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## DIRECTOR, CLINICAL (MD)

Oversee the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials. Design, execute and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in clinical research with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Research and select investigators, analyze and interpret study data and prepare reports for FDA and publication. Requires MD with a background in infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine, and familiarity with clinical trials. Vaccine trial experience highly desired. Please resume to [jobs@chiron.com](mailto:jobs@chiron.com), referencing job 44001905-KO.

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT III

Provide advanced legal administrative support to the General Counsel. Independently carry out projects requiring a high degree of experience, technical skills, judgment and initiative. Maintain computerized calendars and filing systems; interface with senior management and attorneys; and schedule and coordinate meetings. Position requires excellent administrative/secretarial skills with demonstrated ability to effectively handle multiple projects at one time. Must be able to handle confidential matters with the highest level of discretion, as well as screening from others the existence of such matters. 5+ years experience supporting senior level attorneys required. Additional requirements include PC proficiency, Dictaphone and excellent telecommunication skills. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002454-DB.

## MANAGER, MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Provide scientific and medical support for global marketing initiatives. Manage operations and/or CROs employed by Chiron for Investigator and Chiron Sponsored Studies of marketed products in international markets; use internal and external resources to optimize performance of department; establish strategic collaborations internally and externally with partners and customers; and provide scientific and medical support for global marketing initiatives. Requires PhD/PharmD/MS in a scientific discipline or equivalent experience. Minimum 4-5 years of pharmaceutical industry experience is required. Must be able to travel 20-30% of time. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002177-RK.

## MANAGER, QA

Coordinate activities associated with DR resolution for clinical products: track status of outstanding DRs; organize cross-functional meetings to facilitate investigations; publish notes and action items from meetings; lead QA evaluation, investigation process, and follow-up to assure timely DR closure; summarize investigation data/information; and prepare written QA evaluations of investigations. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences, at least 6 years related technical experience, and at least 2 years in a supervisory capacity with significant QA experience. Knowledge of biologics and drug manufacturing processes from fermentation to final container finishing desirable. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002505-JS.

## MANAGER, QA

Develop, communicate and implement QA policies used in the manufacture of commercial and clinical drug and biological products. You'll review and identify systems needing revision; spearhead the modification of procedures and/or processes as required; and provide technical review of corporate and departmental policies and procedures in accordance to guidelines and policy relating to equipment facility plans, protocols and reports. Requires BA/BS or MS in scientific field or related area, with 8-10 years of experience in pharmaceutical industry, 5+ years of experience in quality assurance and/or facility and equipment validation in a GMP manufacturing environment. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002509-JS.

## PAYROLL MANAGER

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## PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, DEVELOPMENT

Participate in the characterization of biopharmaceutical products and their variants using mass spectrometry (ESI and MALDI), amino acid analysis, N-terminal sequencing, and associated protein chemistry and sample preparation techniques. Also, fully support drug development efforts at Chiron by providing high quality characterization data. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, and 7+ years of relevant technical experience. Strong technical proficiency with a variety of protein structure analysis techniques is a must. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001784-JS.

## PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, DEVELOPMENT

Participate in the development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials; the scientific review of the stability program of commercial products; and participating in the characterization of degradation products with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. You'll also support Chiron manufacturing activities through equipment cleaning validation and particulate analysis. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, with 5+ years of relevant technical and supervisory experience. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001784-JS.

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Follow SOPs, and perform a combination of routine and non-routine tasks, which include the evaluation and investigation of quality-related Betsatron/PDS kit complaints for US and non-US commercial products. Receive, evaluate, investigate and report to any quality-related product complaints, medical complaints and inquiries in a timely manner; and assist in the investigation and evaluation of Betsatron product complaints. Requires Bachelor's degree in a scientific discipline or equivalent. Minimum 6 years of successful related experience. Working knowledge of cGMPs and FDA regulations, CFRs, along with a thorough knowledge of concept of Biotech manufacturing, testing, validation and inspection techniques. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002726-JS.

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## SENIOR SCIENTIST, DRUG METABOLISM

In this position, you will work and collaborate with scientists in a multidisciplinary setting to design and conduct drug metabolism studies to enhance small molecules drug discovery and development. Construct predictive models, and present drug metabolism results and data interpretation to multidisciplinary groups and project teams. Position requires PhD in a relevant field, along with 5+ years experience in conducting drug metabolism and disposition studies. In addition, candidate must possess an excellent understanding of ADME/PK science as related to drug discovery and development. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002180-RK.

## SENIOR SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Currently seeking a senior scientist with experience in preclinical development of monoclonal antibody therapeutics to lead projects in oncology from the antibody discovery phase up to IND-enabling studies. This position will require PhD or MD/PhD in Immunology, Oncology, or related areas, and minimum of 8 years experience in biotech or pharmaceuticals. Candidate must have solid understanding of target assessment, lead identification, in vitro characterization, in vivo evaluation, antibody engineering, expression and cell line development, preclinical CMC and clinical development issues; and also possess the capability to effectively lead projects in a matrix organization, to advance high-quality drug candidates to Development, and to serve as a resource in Immunology, antibody technology, oncology or biologics. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002626-RK.

## SPECIALIST II, DEVELOPMENT

Seeking candidate responsible for the analytical method development and assay validation for small molecule pharmaceuticals during development and manufacturing. In addition, you will perform diverse tasks in support of the Formulation and Process Development activities; contribute to the experimental design and interpretation of data in order to ensure completeness and accuracy for transfer of technology to QC, contract laboratories or manufacturing; develop new methods used in testing; improve existing methods; and optimize test procedures to improve efficiency whenever possible. Requires a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry with a minimum of 5-10 years experience in analytical chemistry. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002654-JS.

## SPECIALIST I, DEVELOPMENT

Conduct the development and validation of analytical methods to support Chiron's biopharmaceutical products development, utilizing multiple HPLC techniques. Duties include employing analytical techniques, which include peptide map, CE, SDS-PAGE, and UV-Vis spectroscopy to evaluate physicochemical property of products, and fully support commercial product and clinical product release testing by providing high quality of analytical methods, assay transfer, and troubleshooting. Position requires a degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or in a related discipline, with an emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, and 5+ years of relevant experience. Additionally, a broad background in chromatography, and technical proficiency with HPLC methods is required. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002191-JS.

## SPECIALIST II, QA/QC

Specific duties include coordinating activities associated with DR resolution: tracking status of outstanding DRs; distribute routine status reports to management; organizing cross-functional meetings to facilitate investigations; publishing notes and action items from meetings; and providing support to the investigation process and follow-up to assure timely DR closure. Position requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences, and at least 4 years of related technical experience with significant QA experience. In addition, knowledge of quality systems which ensure control of drug and biologics manufacturing processes in accordance with cGMP, and knowledge of biologics and drug manufacturing processes from fermentation to final container finishing are required. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002653-JS.

## SPECIALIST I, QA/QC

Responsibilities for this position will include development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Candidate will also be responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials, and for the participation in multidisciplinary product development teams. Requires a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry with 5+ years of relevant technical. The candidate must have strong technical proficiency with HPLC method development. Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002632-JS.

## SPECIALIST I, QA/QC

Currently seeking a qualified candidate to assist in the development, revision, application, maintenance, validation, and review of quality standards, documents, and methods for processing and/or ensuring quality in raw materials, intermediates, or finished products. Specifically, create, implement, and support production tracking and trending systems, and programs which assist in the testing, evaluation, and monitoring of production quality. Requires Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in scientific discipline or equivalent, and a minimum of 6 years of related experience. Please apply online at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002435-JS.

## SPECIALIST I, RESEARCH

Candidate must have a good understanding of and at least 7 years experience in molecular biological techniques and in cell biology (this includes site-directed mutagenesis, vector construction, protein expression analysis, computational gene analyses via BLAST, culture of a diversity of lines, generation of stable cell lines using retroviral technology, and gene knockout studies). Position requires specific experience with kinases, signal transduction pathway analysis and oncogenic transformation assays is strongly desired. High degree of motivation, ability to act as part of a team and to clearly present data in both verbal and written form are essential. Experience in research in a drug discovery setting is preferred. Please apply online at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002781-RK.

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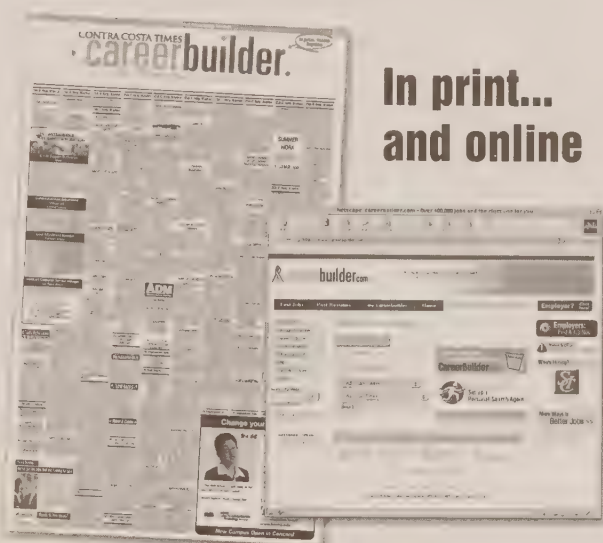
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Rich and creamy, fudge is great to serve at holiday gatherings or wrapped up as a "tasteful" gift from your kitchen.

## CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT FUDGE

2 cups (12 ounces) milk chocolate chips  
1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)  
Dash of salt  
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract  
1/4 cup crushed hard peppermint candy  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.

In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt. Remove from heat; stir in extract. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with peppermint candy.

Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

Prep time: 10 minutes, chilling time: 2 hours, makes about 2 pounds.

## CHOCOLATE & BUTTER-SCOTCH FUDGE

1 cup (6 ounces) butterscotch chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk), divided  
2 cups (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.  
In small-sized heavy saucepan, combine butterscotch chips and 1/3 cup sweetened condensed milk; set aside.  
In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with remaining sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat; stir in nuts (optional) and vanilla. Spread evenly into prepared pan.  
Over low heat, melt butterscotch

and sweetened condensed milk mixture. Spread evenly over chocolate layer.

Chill 3 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

Prep time: 10 minutes, chilling time: 3 hours, makes about 2 pounds.

## FOOLPROOF CHOCOLATE FUDGE

3 cups (18 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)  
Dash of salt  
1/2 to 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.  
In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt. Remove from heat; stir in nuts (optional) and vanilla. Spread evenly into prepared pan.  
Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

Prep time: 10 minutes, chilling time: 2 hours, makes about 2 pounds.

**Peanut Butter Glazed Fudge:** Omit nuts. Stir 3/4 cup peanut butter-flavored chips in with vanilla. Spread in pan and chill as above. For glaze, in small saucepan, melt 1/2 cup peanut butter-flavored chips with 1/2 cup whipping cream; stir until thick and smooth. Spread over chilled fudge. Chill. Cut and store as above.

**Marshmallow Fudge:** Omit nuts. Stir 2 tablespoons butter in with vanilla. Fold in 2 cups miniature marshmallows. Proceed as directed above.

## LAYERED MINT CHOCOLATE FUDGE

2 cups (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk), divided  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
6 ounces white confectioners' coating\* or 1 cup deluxe white baking pieces  
1 tablespoon peppermint extract  
1 drop green or red food coloring (optional)  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with

waxed paper.

In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with 1 cup sweetened condensed milk; add vanilla. Spread half the mixture into prepared pan; chill 10 minutes or until firm. Hold remaining chocolate mixture at room temperature.

In small-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt white confectioners' coating with remaining sweetened condensed milk (mixture will be thick). Add peppermint extract and food coloring (optional).

Spread on chilled chocolate layer; chill 10 minutes longer or until firm. Spread reserved chocolate mixture on mint layer. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

\*Confectioners' coating can be purchased in candy specialty stores. Prep time: 20 minutes, chilling time: 2 hours, makes about 1-3/4 pounds.

## CHOCOLATE SNOWSWIRL FUDGE

3 cups (18 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not

evaporated milk)  
4 tablespoons butter, divided  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
Dash of salt  
1 cup chopped nuts  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.  
In large-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chocolate and butter; add vanilla and salt. Stir in nuts. Spread in pan.  
In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt marshmallows with 2 tablespoons butter. Spread of fudge. With tongs or spatula, swirl through fudge. Chill at least 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store in refrigerator.

Tip: Serve this decorated in individual gold and silver candy cups, or give as a small silver tin decorated with ribbons.  
Prep time: 10 minutes, chilling time: 2 hours, makes about 2 pounds.

## Thanksgiving timeline

### Early November

- Invite your guests. Keep track of who is bringing what on your menu.
- Make shopping list of perishables and nonperishables. Don't forget to include film, batteries, and beverages.
- If you are ordering a fresh turkey, do it now.
- Make a Thanksgiving to-do list, listing all the little things you feel must get done prior to Thanksgiving. Be sure to schedule time for each chore and indicate who will take care of that chore.
- Order or make your table-top centerpiece now.

### Two weeks before Thanksgiving

- Check all serving dishes, flatware, and glassware.
- Shop for any paper goods you need for the event.
- Make sure you have enough tables and chairs for your guests.
- Take an inventory of your tablecloths and napkins.
- If any of your items need to be cleaned, do it now.
- Clean your refrigerator to make room for your Thanksgiving items.
- Shop for nonperishable groceries on your shopping list.
- Plan and make decorations.

### One week ahead

- Plan seating arrangements.
- Review your recipes.
- Prepare cooking schedule.
- Check thawing time for frozen turkey.

### Four days ahead

- Start defrosting the frozen turkey in your refrigerator.
- Save money on ice — start making your own ice cubes now. When frozen, dump them in a freezer bag.

### Two days ahead

- Chill beverages.
- Shop for perishable items.
- Set out bread for homemade stuffing.
- Make cranberry sauce.
- Fill salt and pepper shakers and butter dishes.
- Be sure your home is clean.

### One day ahead

- Peel potatoes, place in a pot of cold water. Keep in refrigerator.
- Clean vegetables and refrigerate.
- Make all dishes that can be prepared ahead. Don't forget the pies.
- Check your bathrooms. Be sure to have extra toilet paper and hand towels available.
- Put up decorations.
- Prepare stuffing.
- Do spot cleaning of the rooms that will be used.
- Buy flowers for the table.
- Let your family set the table in the evening.
- Make the side dishes that can be baked ahead of time.

### Thanksgiving Day

- Remove turkey from the refrigerator for one to two hours. Add stuffing.
- Preheat oven.
- Put turkey in oven and baste every half hour.
- Prepare coffee and brew 20 minutes before serving.
- Keep the turkey covered and let it rest for about 20 minutes before slicing.
- Microwave food to quickly reheat if all the burners of the stove are occupied.
- Make gravy and last-minute vegetables.
- Set out refrigerated dishes.
- Heat bread or rolls as needed.
- Remove stuffing from turkey.
- Carve turkey.

## Moving checklist — a simple plan for an easy move

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A move generally takes eight to 10 weeks in all, and with so many details to keep in mind — packing, cleaning, setting up utilities — it can be an overwhelming experience. But thorough planning is the key to an easy move.

The following week-by-week checklist, found on a new Web site from The Home Depot, [www.homedepotmoving.com](http://www.homedepotmoving.com), will guide movers through the entire process, helping them stay organized and on schedule for a successful moving day.

### Week #6

- Call for estimates from three professional movers.
- Draw a floor plan of your new home.
- Call the Chamber of Commerce in your new town for its residential information packet.

### Week #5

- Inventory all possessions now. Decide what to move, sell, replace or donate to charity.
- Complete U.S. Postal change of address forms, and mail to media, stores and organizations.
- Obtain copies of all of your medical, dental, legal, accounting and veterinarian records.
- Make arrangements for record transfers between schools on both ends of the move.
- Ask a tax advisor to review your potential moving-related tax deductions and potential tax liability.
- Itemize moving-related costs with your mover, including packing, loading, special charges and insurance.

### Week #4

- Repair, send out for re-upholstery, or clean furniture, drapes and carpeting as necessary.
- Advise a garage/yard/tag sale to dispose of unneeded furniture, accessories and clothes.
- If a professional mover is packing your goods, schedule packing day(s) 1 or 2 days before the move.
- If you move yourself, order



**THOUGH MOVING** can be an overwhelming experience, it does not have to be traumatic if you take time and follow these steps that will help you stay organized and on schedule.

adequate boxes, packing materials and tape.

- Arrange for short-term storage if you will need it.
- Make travel arrangements for pets, including necessary medical records and immunizations.

### Week #3

- Assemble a sufficient supply of packing materials and equipment.
- Pack items you won't use immediately or that will go into storage.
- Contact utilities on both ends of the move, and order termination or turn-on for your occupancy date.
- Confirm final travel arrangements for family and pets.

### Week #2

- Prepare auto(s) for the trip to your new home. Check tires and have car(s) serviced before the move.
- Terminate newspaper and other delivery services.
- Confirm new bank accounts

by phone and fax.

- Schedule an appliance service firm for moving day to prepare major appliances for the move.

### Week #1

- Gather important papers, records and valuables for protected shipment to your new home or safe deposit.
- Notify friends and neighbors of new address (and phone number if possible).
- Make plans for young children to be cared for on moving day.
- Fill any necessary prescriptions and medications needed for the next two weeks.
- Defrost refrigerator and freezer. Give away all food in both

units.

- Plan simple meal for moving day (or take out food) using the refrigerator.
- Pick up cash for your new address, like tools and shades.
- Pack items you need with you including valuables, records and personal items.
- Pack signed bill of lading with you.
- Carefully mark boxes "packed — first box" containing items you'll need away, like tools and shades.
- Give the mover a number and address where you can be reached in your new home.

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# Sandwiches: Great eats that are delicious and quick and easy to make

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cook, perhaps more than anyone else, deserves the day off once a week. We talked with several chefs from a variety of backgrounds about what they might cook up with for easy eats. We were inspired by their sandwich creations and came up with a list to take for each.

**Vietnamese roll**

Nguyen came to the States as a small child in 1975. She and her Vietnamese husband and her Vietnamese-in-law stay busy with their restaurant, the Chicago restaurant she opened in 1985.

Nguyen said she immediately was inspired by the fresh spring rolls for her eats. "You could include shrimp, rice noodles, bean sprouts or julienned carrot, cucumber and chives, or you could use pork, either roast or barbeque. Have some plum sauce for dipping, chili peppers and fresh herbs, and let everyone make their own."

Nguyen inspired us to create a roll with a slightly roll wrapped in rice paper. Our recipe provides a basic but feel free to vary your roll as you suggest.

**Ethiopian wrap**

Yimer opened Ethio Cafe in Chicago in 1981.

Yimer reminded us that the slightly sour injera is a daily bread. We thought it would make a terrific roll. Yimer reminded us, too, that injera is a traditional Ethiopian seasoning mix called berbere, which we had to include somehow. In Yimer's opinion, we created an injera sandwich of shredded chicken breast.

**Classic updated**

Restauranteur Carol Watson, who owns the name, Milk and Honey, reflects the biblical land of riches, said she created a sandwich when she thinks and she thinks BLT when she thinks BLT.

Classic bacon-lettuce-and-tomato sandwich is great in its own right, but taking it up a notch with an aïoli (garlic mayo) dressing and fresh greens and fresh tomatoes updates the old favorite. The sandwich by using pre-made mayonnaise as a base to which you add garlic and fresh

**Asian tortilla**

Satko, chef/co-owner of the restaurant, came to Chicago from Mexico City.

Satko wanted something different than a now-clichéd flour tortilla for his tortilla, and Satko had a answer.

"We eat them all the time," she said. Traditionally, a bolillo, the crusty Mexican roll, tortas can include ham and roasted

pork loin to chorizo, Satko said. The refried black beans aren't traditional, but we liked the rich flavor they added.

## A Cuban medianoche

A Cuban contribution to a picnic might logically be a Cuban sandwich, the pressed grilled sandwich of pork, ham and Swiss cheese. But Mayra Fernandez had another idea. She and her husband, Javier, opened Cafe Cubano in Elmwood Park, Ill., three years ago.

"How about a medianoche sandwich?" she asked. "It is made out of things you've always got on hand." Medianoche means "midnight" in Spanish; this sandwich is good then, and at mediodia, or noon, too. The refrigerator in a Cuban home would almost always have leftover pork, hard-cooked eggs, ham and cheese, Fernandez said.

## Tips

Some tips to make these sandwiches even better:

- Follow basic food safety guidelines in packing and transporting these sandwiches. Keep cool foods below 40 degrees (put the sandwiches in a large zipper-lock bag before laying out the ice), and hot foods above 140 degrees. Keep all foods no longer than two hours at room temperature. Refrigerate leftovers.

- Wrap the injera sandwich and the rice-paper roll very tightly in plastic wrap to keep them moist and pliable. Overwrap in foil or paper if you wish. Serve both at room temperature.

- It's worth the trouble to make the injera, which is no more difficult than making pancakes. Arrange any leftover flatbreads on a sheet of plastic wrap; cover with another sheet of plastic wrap; then wrap everything in foil. Use within three days.

- Wrap the torta Americana and the medianoche tightly in foil. If you've got a grill fired up, both sandwiches heat in a few minutes. Turn them once for even heating.

- After you've wrapped the medianoche and pressed it to flatten, put it on the bottom of your picnic basket. This is one sandwich where a little crushing is a good thing.

- Pack the salsa and sour cream for the torta Americana separately, and pass just before serving.

- If you don't wish to use rice noodles in the rice-paper roll, substitute shredded cabbage or bean sprouts. The texture will be different, but the flavor will still be good.

"Look for Rose brand rice paper, since it's so much thicker," said Kim Nguyen of Pasteur. Novices will find it easier to work with than the kind she uses at the restaurant. "Be sure to bring the water to a boil, or the paper won't soften completely and will stay a little gummy." Our version may not be completely authentic, but our description of it got Nguyen's stamp of approval.

**ASIAN SUMMER ROLLS**  
2 ounces thin rice noodles, see

note

- 2 tablespoons chopped each: basil, cilantro, mint
- 8 sheets (8 1/2-inch diameter each) rice paper, see note
- 8 peeled cooked shrimp, halved lengthwise
- 1 carrot, peeled, grated
- 2 tablespoons chopped dry-roasted peanuts
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fish sauce, see note
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1. Heat a medium saucepan of water to a boil over medium-high heat; add rice noodles. Cook until the noodles are al dente, about 4 minutes. Drain noodles, reserving the water.
2. Combine the basil, cilantro and mint in a small bowl; set aside. Pour some of the boiling water from the noodles into a large shallow dish. Dip 1 wrapper into the water for 2 seconds to soften. Transfer to a dish towel covered with plastic wrap.
3. Place 2 shrimp halves laid head to tail, a handful of rice noodles, 2 teaspoons of the herb mixture, carrot and peanuts in a row across the bottom third of the wrapper. Roll the paper up over the filling; fold in each side. Tightly roll up. Repeat with the remaining rice paper wrappers and fillings. (Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate if not serving immediately.)
4. Combine water, fish sauce, lime juice, garlic, sugar and crushed red pepper in a small bowl; divide dipping sauce between 4 ramekins or custard cups. Serve with wraps.

Note: Look for rice paper sheets, rice noodles and fish sauce in Asian stores and the Asian section of specialty stores such as Whole Foods Market.

Preparation time: 25 minutes, cooking time: 4 minutes, makes 8 pieces.

Injera is the spongy, slightly sour Ethiopian flatbread that serves as plate, utensil and tablecloth in Ethiopian homes. It's easy enough to make — like pancakes that don't need to be flipped.

Authentic injera is made from teff, a grain ground into flour. This more accessible version, adapted from Dorinda Hafner's "A Taste of

Africa," uses readily available ingredients. We've also adapted Hafner's small-quantity mixture for the spicy-hot seasoning mix called berbere.

**ETHIOPIAN CHICKEN WRAPS**

**Bread:**

- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 3/4 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons lukewarm water

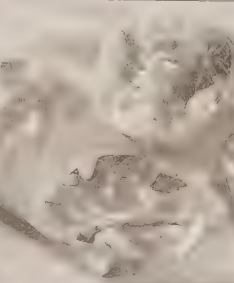
**Berber:**

- 3 tablespoons ground red pepper
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon each: salt, ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground dried mint

**Filling:**

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 large yellow onions, sliced

1. Heat a large skillet over medium-low heat; add the flour to the dry skillet. Cook the flour until dark brown, stirring continuously to prevent burning, about 10 minutes. Transfer the flour to a large bowl; set aside to cool slightly, about 5 minutes.
2. Soak the yeast in 1/4 cup of the lukewarm water; let stand until it is foamy, about 10 minutes. Stir to completely dissolve yeast. Stir into the flour and add remaining lukewarm water. Cover the batter with a dish towel; let rest 30 minutes.
3. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Stir the batter well; ladle about 1/4 cup of the batter into the skillet. Swirl the batter around the skillet to completely cover the bottom of the skillet, as if making one big pancake. Cook until pale caramel, using a spatula to gently lift the edges to check the doneness, about 5-7 minutes. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Repeat with the remaining batter.
4. For the berbere, combine red pepper, paprika, salt, ginger, cinnamon and mint in a small bowl. Rub the chicken breasts with the berbere. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken; cook, turning once, until cooked through and browned, about 15 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board. Add the onion to the skillet; cook, stirring occasionally,



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**ASIAN SUMMER ROLLS:** Rice paper sandwiches with shrimp.

until the onion is softened and golden, about 6 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, shred the chicken using two forks or your fingers. Spread one-sixth of the chicken over the bottom third of an injera; top with one-sixth of the onions. Season with additional berbere if you wish. Roll the bottom third of the injera up to cover the chicken mixture; fold in each side. Roll the injera like a burrito.

Preparation time: 30 minutes, rising time: 30 minutes, cooking time: 50 minutes, standing time: 10 minutes, makes 6 servings.

"The key to a great BLT is the bread, and the quality ingredients," said Carol Watson of Milk and Honey Cafe. "I like to use pane francesca from Red Hen bread. Our

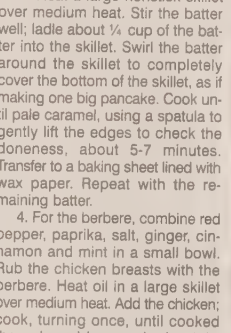
BLT at the cafe is a triple-decker. We drizzle the bread with extra-virgin olive oil and toast both sides on our grill." Here's our interpretation of her idea.

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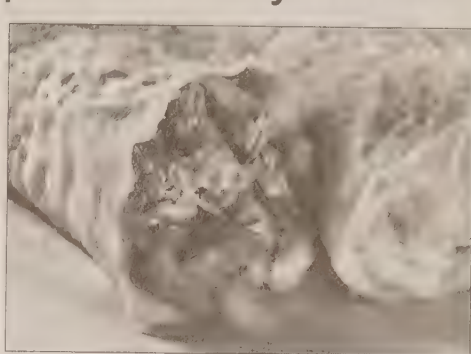
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup minced fresh basil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 slices sturdy rustic bread
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound pancetta, coarsely diced
- 8 ounces baby arugula or baby lettuce
- 4 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced lengthwise

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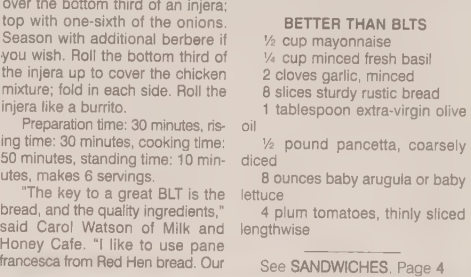
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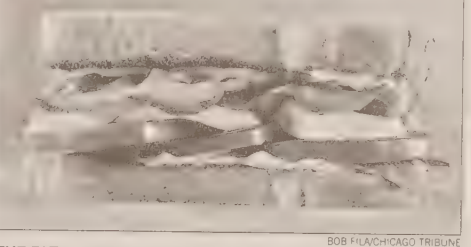
**INJERA SANDWICHES** feature a very textured wrap.

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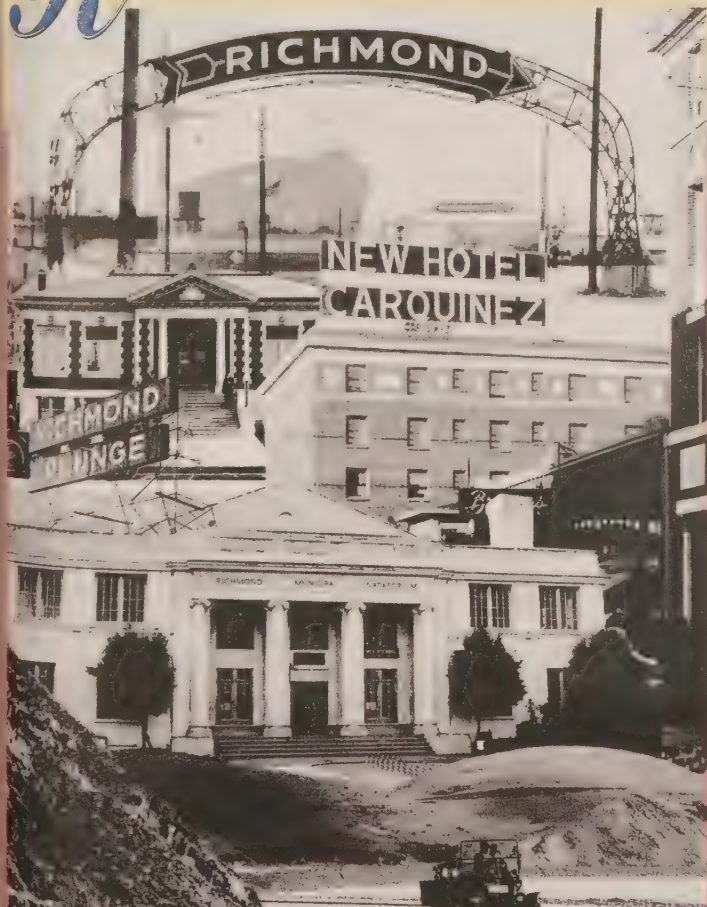
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# It's celebration time! Come on!

BY JUDITH MORGAN  
PRESIDENT RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Since the late 1800s, Richmond has had many Chambers of Commerce, Improvement Associations and Booster organizations of one kind and another under a variety of names. But businesses had to wait until 1924 for the formation of the permanent Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

The need for a Chamber of Commerce was recognized as soon as Richmond existed. The first Chamber formed as early as 1902. Next there was a Richmond Progressive Association and then a Richmond Industrial Commission in 1912. These early starts failed to be sustained.



Judith Morgan

In March of 1924, Richmond called itself the youngest industrial city on the West Coast and was destined for great things. But if the city was to move forward, there needed to be leadership. There were many issues in front of the business community that needed addressing for this vision to be carried out, ranging from creating city policies to promoting Richmond and attracting new businesses.

Business leaders decided to dedicate themselves to starting a Chamber of Commerce. Businesses such as Standard Oil Company, The Mechanics Bank, M. A. Hays Co. and C. Overaa and Company were founding members of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce; they had a vision of a growing industrial city and to promote and protect that vision they needed an active chamber of commerce.

These were prominent Richmond business people. Business people with vision and a belief that Richmond had much potential. And so it is today, with some of those same companies remaining chamber leaders encouraging our board of 25 prominent business people who are volunteering and stepping up to the plate to guide the chamber in providing the leadership it takes to maintain a successful chamber.

Now, 80 years later, the chamber is still promoting commerce, industry and tourism, taking an active role in our political scene and enhancing the quality of life in Richmond. We have many members who have belonged for 80 years and more than 40 of you who have been members for more than 25 years.

We are celebrating those 80 years on Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at the Richmond Country Club. It is our chance to recognize those longstanding members and thank them for their loyalty and for making the Richmond Chamber the eminent business organization it is today. We are calling our event the 80th Anniversary Gala Diamond Dinner. We will be honoring not only our longtime members, but our outgoing Chair Mark Howe, our Small Business of the Year, our Non-Profit of the Year and our Ambassador of the Year.

We are calling it the 80th Anniversary Gala Diamond Dinner because each guest will receive a one-carat diamond. And one of them will be real. See your invitation on page 15 and come help us celebrate.



RICHMOND SANITARY DISTRICT operated in Richmond from a horse and wagon in the 1920s.

## Diamond celebration marks Richmond Chamber's 80th anniversary

BY JENNIFER SHAW  
CORRESPONDENT

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is celebrating. It is honoring its 80 years of operation with an Anniversary Gala Diamond Dinner on Nov. 12 at the Richmond Country Club.

"Each guest gets a diamond, and one will be real," promised Sandi Genser-Maack, director of communications and events.

The chamber has good reason to honor itself.

It has been the place where one calls for answers to random questions about the city — information about the school district, directions to an address that is not on MapQuest.

"People ask us all kinds of esoteric questions, and we try to know the answers," said Genser-Maack.

The staff once held contests for who would receive the strangest question during the week. The most bizarre call to date was from a woman whose father had died and she called the chamber to locate the body.

The most common inquiry is from tourists who are interested in the bed and breakfast at the East Brother Light Station.

The staff's characteristic happy-to-help attitude bodes well for office morale.

"I used to work in a dentist's office. I don't care how nice you are, people just don't like being there. Here, people leave with a smile," the chamber's general manager Barbara Obele described.

The role of the chamber far exceeds responding to phone calls and planning monthly social mixers.

"You're a cheerleader and conductor,"

Along with promoting the arts, the chamber's charge is to promote the overall Richmond community. There's the publishing of the bi-annual Richmond Magazine and the city map, participation in the various city-sponsored festivals, and working with the local service organizations.

said Judy Morgan, the chamber's president and chief executive director since 1992, citing the chamber's capacities, such as government liaison, collaborator and promoter.

"The hardest thing is to target our energies and stay focused on our core goals. We can't be all things to everybody. It can be a real challenge."

In 10 years, the chamber's membership has increased from 198 to 470 businesses. Morgan intends to double that figure.

An essential part of the chamber's role is to represent the interests of Richmond's myriad businesses.

The function of its Government Relations Committee is to scrutinize issues or monitor any excessive or restrictive guidelines or ordinances that might be disadvantageous to the business community.

Committee chair Gretchen Grover hopes that a developer might ask the group to take a position on a project.

"Sometimes businesses are an unintended byproduct of company from the constituency. They may not be residents, they may not be voters, but they are part of the community," said Grover, a community affairs representative for East Bay Municipal Utility District.

"The committee's role includes examining propositions or initiatives on the ballot to determine whether the chamber board should take a position," added Grover.

"Whatever the hot button issue of the day it comes through us," said Grover.

Three years ago, the chamber formed the

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## Chamber's new foundation links businesses to educational support

BY JENNIFER SHAW  
CORRESPONDENT

For years, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce has been building bridges between the local schools and area businesses. It plans to further cement those ties with its new educational foundation.

According to foundation chair Josh Genser, the intent of West Contra Business and Education United is to offer an alternative from the traditional means to help fund school programs, whereby businesses are solicited for individual requests.

"We kept hearing from businesses that there had to be a better way to contribute to true improvements in education. They were always being asked to contribute to this program or that school, and no doubt they were all valuable (requests), but they wanted to have a more direct impact on literacy," said Genser. "\$100 or \$1,000 here or there doesn't necessarily achieve that."

The foundation has 11 directors, with nine members from the private sector and two from the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Members are currently partnering with the school district to identify programs that fall under the board's overall aim.

Genser noted that the board is examining the possibility of being able to say, "If you meet this criteria — go to class, stay out trouble — we promise that when you graduate you'll be able to go to college."

"We don't know what the barriers are, but

"Our local businesses are the consumers of our local graduates. We want to make sure our students are prepared to be successful in a work environment in our community and other communities."

— Gloria Johnston, District Superintendent  
West Contra Costa Unified School District

certainly one is the motivation of the students themselves to want to go to college," he added.

This push appeals to Richmond resident Gloria Johnston, District Superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, who serves on the educational foundation's board of directors.

"We are working very hard to build a college-going culture in our community, and this foundation can be a key contributor to the effort," said Johnston, who credits the chamber for facilitating the process.

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# New visitors bureau focusing on bringing in out-of-towners

RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Richmond Convention & Visitors Bureau (RCVB), a newly created division of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, is another example of how the Chamber continues to promote the community and the hospitality industry," said Judith Morgan, the Chamber's President. The RCVB will be overseen by an 11-member board of directors and funded through a Tourism Business Improvement District tax through Richmond's hotels, motels and inns. Additional funds will come from dues from non-lodging members and advertising revenue.

"Richmond's marina, 32 miles of shoreline, historic Point Richmond, a highly touted community theatre, a myriad of venues for viewing public art, our Rosie the Riveter WWII homefront National Historical Park and various museums are just a few of the city's attractions," Morgan adds. Tourists and other visitors are always looking for new destinations, so why not let these travelers know about Richmond's attributes. An ideal location just minutes from San Francisco, Berkeley and other West County communities makes Richmond an ideal choice for those wishing to experience a central spot for visiting all of the Bay Area's other attractions as well.

As an example of another draw, a few years ago the Richmond Museum of History became the owner of the Red Oak Victory

"The benefit of the RCVB is to all businesses in Richmond, but certainly those catering to people visiting on business or personal travel."

— Michael Fenley,  
Hilltop Mall Manager

Ship, the only surviving ship of the 747 built in the Richmond WWII shipyards. In fact, the 60th Anniversary and re-enactment of the Launching of the SS Red Oak Victory is taking place soon. (Call 510-237-2933 for information.)

"The Golden State Railroad and the Railroad Museum already attract enthusiasts from all over the country and abroad," according to John Edginton, Vice Chair of the RCVB board. "Their affiliation with the bureau can only increase the visitation by rail buffs, children and others interested in the history of railroads and the part they played in the expansion of the West. This additional promotion will directly benefit our museum, which translates into increased admissions."

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The school has received full institutional approval to operate from the Bureau For Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE). All educational programs are also accredited by their professional organizations.

To date, 375 imaging professionals and 572 phlebotomists have graduated from KPSAHS. We are proud of our graduates and their outstanding performance. The school is looking forward to building new partnership and expanding its innovative programs to other regions: Oregon, Fresno and Southern California.

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## Chamber

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Richmond Business Political Action Committee (RichPAC) to support "business friendly" candidates who are running for city council or school board.

"We felt we needed to have an impact," said Morgan. "We even try to find and train candidates."

"If we did not have the PAC, the chamber and the business community would be without a political voice," asserted John Ziesenhenn, past chamber chair and current chair of the committee, noting such concerns as rent control and compensation and benefits packages for public employees, and ideas for making the city more conducive to business.

Given the diversity of businesses — from petrochemical plants to an art gallery — lobbying is no easy task.

There are an estimated 8,000 business licenses registered with the City of Richmond. While the number of manufacturing facilities has decreased from several hundred in 1955 to less than 100 today — and dot-coms have come and gone — they have been replaced with such businesses as biotechnology firms and innovative arts. There are also a large number of home-based companies.

Morgan noted that Richmond is attracting businesses that are relocating from Marin County, with owners seeking available labor and less expensive properties.

She also mentioned the desirability of Richmond's transportation hub, specifically being the only city on the BART line to also have an Amtrak station and an AC Transit stop in the same location.

"Many maritime businesses have moved from San Francisco and chosen Richmond as their new home," she added.

The chamber has also forged a strong alliance with the arts community. Last year, the chamber hosted one of its monthly mixers in partnership with the Arts and Culture Commission as part of its annual awards ceremony. Additionally, the chamber underwrote and helped the commission complete a series of postcards featuring scenes of 10 public art sites in Richmond.

At the request of the commission, a couple of years ago, the ARTTRAIN featuring NASA-related artwork — astronauts, moon walks — came through Richmond. Over the course of a few days, visitors and school groups toured the train cars, viewed the art on display outside, and then took shuttle trips to Richmond's various points of interest. Representatives from UC-Berkeley gave related demonstrations, such as with robotics. Businesses and non-profits donated funds and time to the effort, and commission chair Eleanor Boswell-Raine gave due credit to the chamber for its participation.

"The chamber is a terrific partner in making sure art and culture are part and parcel of our community," said Boswell-Raine. "This was an incredible example of how the arts and businesses can work together to enrich the community. It all comes down to the chamber. They pulled all facets of our community together. Without the chamber, it probably would not have happened."

Along with promoting the arts, the chamber's charge is to promote the overall Richmond community. There's the publishing of the bi-annual Richmond Magazine and the

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— Mark Howe  
Chamber Board President

city map, participation in the various city-sponsored festivals, and working with the local service organizations. The chamber provides welcome packets for new residents and businesses, including tours of Richmond.

When Genser-Maack started working at the chamber in 1997, she brought her extensive background in community involvement. She has served on the Richmond's Library Commission, is vice president of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, and is past president of the local chapter of the Kiwanis Club.

"That was the link I brought to the chamber," she said.

The chamber is represented in the four Richmond service clubs: Rotary International, Kiwanis, Sorptomists International and the Exchange Club.

"We're out and about," Morgan said, also noting the chamber's support of the library and its advocacy role for Richmond's youth, from getting bond measures passed, to participating in Career Day, Principal for a Day, and various job shadow experiences.

When it came time to complete a study of the Macdonald Avenue corridor — where the chamber has its offices and is part of the non-profit's push for downtown revitalization — the staff helped devise the newly drafted Macdonald Revitalization Plan, which includes getting the abandoned Montgomery Ward site developed as a retail center.

The plan, which is a central part of the Central Richmond Revitalization Initiative, also features installing new lighting fixtures and street furniture, changing the traffic pattern and revitalizing the Civic Center, including adding public art along the thoroughfare.

"The chamber has also been very supportive of the City Center Master Plan," said Steve Duran, community and economic development director for the City of Richmond, who also oversees the city's redevelopment agency.

According to Duran, the chamber has been a strong proponent of getting the city offices located back to City Hall, after a requisite seismic retrofit of the building, and the plans for developing the surrounding area with high density residential and retail.

"Judy's also been a partner in our efforts in business retention and outreach... We work on a collaborative basis," added Du-

ran, noting Morgan's participation on the panel that reviewed proposals for new marketing materials for the city that will be presented to the City Council in the coming weeks.

Another inherent part of the chamber's ongoing push is networking, which staff agreed is a cornerstone and a popular reason business owners cite for joining. Morgan estimates 3,000 people attended chamber-sponsored events last year.

Genser-Maack oversees the monthly mixers — which are hosted at different member business locations — along with breakfast and lunch meetings, the annual golf tournament at the Richmond Country Club, the annual Business Expo and the upcoming annual crab feed, held at the Richmond Auditorium on Feb. 11, 2005, and catered by the culinary department at Contra Costa College.

"The chamber is about people. It's not what you know; it's whom you know. You get exposed to community members. You meet the movers and shakers. They do a very good job of networking... and this chamber has gone one step further... We're segmenting the businesses and specifically addressing their issues," said chamber board chair Mark Howe, citing the city's hospitality industry and newly formed Convention and Visitors Bureau as an example of this "vertical" approach.

In the future, Howe would like to see the chamber further utilize the knowledge of its members as it takes on an even greater advocacy role and increasingly addresses the city's challenges.

"They're a brain trust. They're attorneys; they're from industry, big employers and are well educated. They have hard-core business experience, and therefore they take a business perspective in analyzing the city's problems. We need to get back to the podium and tell the council how we feel on these issues," Howe advised.

He cited the City of Richmond's troubled fiscal situation, the proposed casino, public sector pensions, the multi-ethnic population, the lingering impact of the Kaiser legacy, and a boon of development along 32 miles of shoreline as topics which the chamber should publicly address.

"We write editorials; we participate in the community's debate... It will rejuvenate our membership if we sincerely take a well thought out position that requires courage. It will demonstrate to our members that we do support the private sector; we do support development that would generate tax revenue that would be used to uplift our poorer neighborhoods," Howe urged, noting that Simeon Cherokee has proposed a 126-acre, \$500 million, multi-family residential project along the waterfront. "They're in the debate stage and they need our support."

Such a sense of activism was not always the case.

Past chair Merv Davis recalled the climate in the mid-'60s. "The chamber is more political now than when I first joined. I think they should have been that way all along, but they didn't want to step on anyone's toes 30 years ago. During the elections, no one took a stand. They were pretty neutral. That has certainly changed."

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## Education

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"The chamber is a key player in the educational arena. They provide the nexus for us to communicate with businesses throughout the community. I have been so impressed by the quality of the work and the leadership since I've been in this position," said Johnston, who's held her position since 1999.

"It is the kind of education/business partnership we need to help the school continue its climb to be a high performing school district," she said, also referring to the foundation's goal to provide financial assistance and training for students to go to college — many of whom would be the first generation in their families to pursue an advanced degree.

Johnston also noted how the district's partnership with local businesses — funded by the foundation — would elevate students' experience in the advanced mathematics program by exposing them to related career op-

tions, internships and job shadowing opportunities.

"Our local businesses are the consumers of our local graduates," said Johnston. "We want to make sure our students are prepared to be successful in a work environment in our community and other communities."

For Sharon Craig-Carter, Manager of Community Affairs at the Chevron Richmond Refinery, opting to participate in the foundation was a "no-brainer." Chevron had already identified K-12 education as one of its recipients for donations.

"You want the community to be self-sustaining, and as an employer you want a strong workforce as a resource and education is the key to everything," she explained.

Craig-Carter, whose job includes managing the company's charitable contributions also appreciates the fact that the foundation is comprised of other business leaders.

"We are all pulling for the same goal. You have greater leverage, and ultimately you get a better product in the end," she said.

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# Leadership Richmond helps 'rising stars' get connected

BY JENNIFER SHAW

(RESPONDENT)

Richmond's educators, community members and mid-level managers are among those who have been given a comprehensive view of how their city functions.

For three years, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce has offered its 10-month Leadership Richmond program which features monthly meetings at different sites in which participants cover the gamut of topics — from health care, law enforcement, the judiciary system, to land-use and the environment.

"We felt it was a wonderful way to bring the rising stars of the public and private sector together and provide them an overview of what's going on in their community, to network with one another and make long-lasting contacts," said Will Rigney, a past chair of the chamber, who helped start the program.

"It's given me a much greater understanding of the issues that face Richmond socially, politically and economically... How the city operates as a community, a government and an economic entity, and how Richmond interfaces with the other communities," said Rigney, Director of External Affairs for SBC, who went through the program.

"It was a perfect opportunity to really get to know the map of Richmond and the people," said Jody Diamond, Associate Execu-



Rigney said the purpose of Leadership Richmond is to create a resource of community stakeholders, who, as they interface, could contribute to solving the city's issues and enhancing the community's well being.

tive Director of the West Contra Costa YMCA, who was one of last year's Leadership Richmond participants.

"Each time we got to learn about a different topic that related to everyday working life in Richmond. It ranged from the educational system, health care, and even a non-profit. It really gave us an opportunity to see Richmond in a more in depth manner. It was being able to network, and the information

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## Leadership

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with an even number of for-profit and non-profit entities and management levels.

"The chamber's role has become more inclusive. It's one of the first times they've reached out to the (residential) community and said 'we'd like you to play a part in this, too, because you're here,'" said Eleanor Lloyd, a retired teacher who chairs the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and is a Leadership Richmond graduate.

She noted, "The locations of the meetings were a real eye-opener. It has certainly given me a broader perspective of the types of businesses and the range of business conducted in the Richmond area, both nonprofit and for-profit. The meetings gave me an opportunity to meet city staff and business reps in a neutral environment."

She continued, "It also brought home a lot of history," referring to the tours of the vacant Ford Assembly Plant and Red Oak Victory Ship.

"I also got a chance to talk to people about what's going on in my part of town. It was giving a little and getting a lot," Lloyd added about the valuable and reciprocal exchange of information.

Rich Davidson, Richmond city engineer, says, "I liked all the topics, but government and politics were the best."

Meanwhile, Rigney said the purpose of Leadership Richmond is to create a resource of community stakeholders, who, as they interface, could contribute to solving the city's issues and enhancing the community's well being.

## RCVB

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"The RCVB will benefit all businesses in Richmond, but certainly those catering to travelers on business or for personal reasons," says RCVB Board Chair Michael Fenley, the manager of the Hilltop Mall. "As the dominant shopping destination in West Contra Costa County, I see the potential benefit of attracting more visitors to the area and expanding our ability to host conventions and other activities that will develop Richmond into a destination."

"We also want to promote Richmond as a place for business meetings, conventions and tour groups," said the RCVB's Gail Sepanek, citing the city's diverse dining experiences, shopping from malls to boutiques,



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ous trade shows.

"There will be many steps to take before we're where we would like to be," Sepanek qualified. "One of our first priorities is to create a website linked to the Chamber's. We are encouraging local businesses throughout the community to join the RCVB and help us promote Richmond."

The RCVB is working with the Chamber on the Web site, as well.

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Jennifer Shaw contributed to this page.

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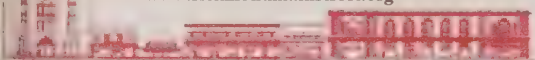
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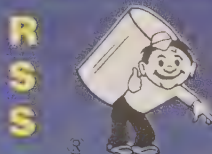
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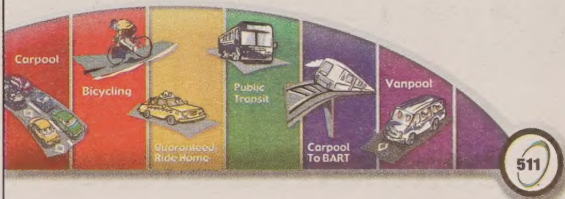
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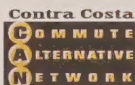


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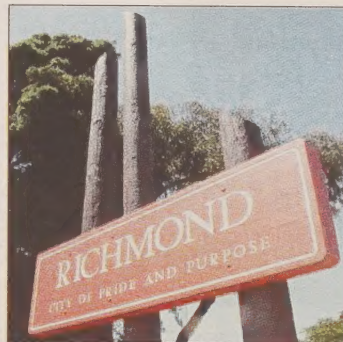
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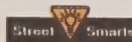
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# Looking back through the years: Chamber celebrates 80 years

RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Edward Downer III, whose grandfather founded The Mechanics Bank 99 years ago and was a founding member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, was very active in Chamber activities in the 1970s. During his two terms as Chamber Board Chair, Eddie remembers the Board having 60 members.

"I actively solicited to get rid of that," Downer recalls the ensuing reorganization and scaling down the size of the board to its current 25 members. But in the 70s, he saw a climate that was positive and business-friendly, in spite of it being an era when "the Chamber, along with the City, fought and scratched to attract new businesses."

Other past Board Chairs, who will be recognized at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, include Mervyn Davis of Mervyn M. Davis Insurance, and Fran Watson of Watson, Hoffe and Hass, Attorneys-at-Law, whose firm has contributed three Board Chairs over the years. Merv Davis recalls that 40 years ago, a delegation from the Chamber welcomed ships into port with a case of wine and was entertained on board by the captain. "When we heard of a new business coming to town, we would go to them and blow our horn. We were the Goodwill Ambassadors," he says. Davis, who is a Richmond native, bought the insurance business in the 1960s from Charles Regan, who was "a character in Richmond. Everyone knew him." Regan had started the business in the 1920s.

Fran Watson, who joined the Chamber in the 1950s, remembers that the members came from "all walks of life and represented different values of what was good for Richmond." Davis adds, "Richmond was a little town. Everyone knew everybody. You didn't dare do anything wrong. And during the war," he says, "it was just a matter of transitioning into the bigger town we are now," referring to the population surge stemming from the shipbuilding industry.

One thing has never changed: the need for networking opportunities. Davis, Downer and Watson all remember the Richmond Trade Club gatherings at the Richmond Auditorium, a dinner and entertainment venue for 750 men twice a month. "You'd fight to get a ticket," said Davis. All three were active in a time when Chamber membership was almost a given. "Everybody joined. You were supposed to belong to pro-

mote business, just as you belonged to a service club and a golf club," Davis continues.

In the 20s, the Chamber mission was very simple: to promote business in Richmond. In "A History of Richmond, California", published in 1944 by the Chamber, author Joseph C. Whitnah writes, "Sentiment which had been stirring for some time in the minds of the business and professional men crystallized into action in 1924 with the formation of the Chamber of Commerce, which was at least organized on such a sound basis that it could endure through the years and could provide the community with the leadership that is the duty of such organizations to provide." Whitnah was the Chamber's director of publicity and advertising in 1928.

In the "old days," the Chamber staff, usually two people even as recently as eight years ago, did the bulk of the work while the Board met monthly for lunch. General Manager Barbara Obele, who has been at the Chamber for more than 20 years, remembers when the Chamber worked with many other organizations like Christmas in April, but "not under our banner," she says. "Now we are involved in many more activities and are more visible in the community."

Today, she adds, the Board members are more involved and participate more often in the Chamber's projects.

Jennifer Shaw contributed to this story.



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